

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, March 8, 2020

~ 2nd Sunday in Lent ~

Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

GHUMC'S Vision Statement:

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

GRACE NOTES

COFFEE HOUR: Coffee Hour is generally held in the Parlor following the 10:45 a.m. service.

COFFEE HOUR HOST TODAY: Shauna Neale

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CHAPEL LITURGIST: Dave Gregorio

CHAPEL USHER: Pam Kurimai

CHAPEL FLOWERS: Given to the Glory of God

GREETERS: Phyllis Jackson

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Elaine Porter Haggstrom ~ the quintessential "Church lady" by her daughter, Susan Haggstrom

SANCTUARY LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Byron B. Crosdale

YOUTH READER: Stephen Kaine

USHERS: Jimmie Floyd, Carl S. Moore, Isaiah Moore and Kendall Crosdale

TELLERS: Janice Caruso and Gordon Lewis

NURSERY CARE ASSISTANT: Thomas Kaine, Nursery care is led by Donna Green

Worship Attendance for Last Sunday, March 1st: 85

March 1st: 8:30 am Chapel Service: 19, 10:45 am Sanctuary Service: 66

March 1st: Children Sunday school: Students: 6, Teachers: 3

March 1st: Nursery Class: 1, Teachers: 2

March 1st: Adult Bible Class: 9, Teacher: 1

March 1st: UMYF: Youth: 0, Adults: 2

March 4th: Showers: 7, Community Supper: 67

We thank Melodye Merola, Director of Outreach Ministry and Lay Speaker for serving as the lay preacher today.

Next week Sunday, March 15th Rev. Kym McNair will be the guest preacher at both the 8:30 and 10:45 a.m. services.

As you may already know, Mize Johnson and Jenny McLachlan will be relocating soon. Mize and Jenny have been very active and dedicated servants in various ministries at Golden Hill. Please join us Sunday, March 15th for a farewell service to wish them God's blessings in their new life. We will have a special Coffee Hour reception in their honor.

It is with joy that we share the good news that **Phyllis and John Machledt** have returned home. They are both grateful for your prayers and well wishes during Phyllis' grave illness while vacationing in Latin America. They are thankful to God for His mercy and healing hands. Your prayers and support really helped!

Help Us Build Our Ministry: Thank you to all who have used the suggestion box to share their ideas and provide feedback. The church leadership has reviewed them and will look at ways in which we can implement your ideas to improve our ministry. Please continue to use the suggestion box located in the Narthex and Chapel. Your thoughtful feedback is welcomed and will help us as a congregation look at things we can do better.

The Shower Ministry: **Items needed now are:** Toothbrushes, Men's Briefs – Medium and XLarge, Men and Women's deodorant and Body Powder – travel size. Thank you for all your support of this ministry!

Coffee Hour Hosts are needed! If you are able to host Coffee Hour on any Sunday or a number of Sundays throughout the year, please add your name to the sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the Sanctuary. A \$20 snack reimbursement is available for each hosting event. If you have any questions, please speak with Phyllis Jackson or Hazel Dalmage.

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. in the Parlor	Leader Beth Collins
	10:00 a.m. in the Library	Leader Pam Hoffman
Tuesdays	7:30 p.m. Virtual group	Leader Jane Wakeman

Lenten Study: Our 2020 Lenten Study book, Three Simple Rules is a six week session study. Join us as we consider and discuss the three simple rules to mutual respect, unity and a deeper daily relationship with God. You can choose from either Sundays at 9:45 a.m. or Mondays at 7:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend all sessions, plan to participate as often as you are able. Pam Kurimai and Sonya Green will co-lead the Sunday morning group at 9:45 a.m. in the church parlor. Beth Collins leads the Monday night Study at 7:30 pm at her home in Fairfield. Please contact the group leaders or provide your name and contact information to the church office at (203) 336-0152 to reserve your study materials. This is a great opportunity for you to invite others to attend the study with you.

Weekenders Backpack Program: Donations needed in church by Sunday, March 15 for packing on Tuesday, March 17: Vienna sausages, juice boxes and boxes of mac and cheese. Thanks so much!

NOTE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING BUILDING USE, EVENTS & MEETINGS

Meetings that happen weekly at Golden Hill UM Church:

Every Sun. **Nursery class in the Nursery** (*every Sunday when dismissed from 10:45 am service*)
Children's Sunday School
9:45 am Adult Sunday School in the Parlor
6:30 pm United Methodist Youth (UMYF)

Every Tues. **7:30 pm Virtual Covenant Group**
 7:30 pm N.A. (*Narcotics Anonymous*) in Locke Hall

Every Wed. **2:00 pm Shower Ministry in the Lounge & showers**
5:00 pm Community Supper in Locke Hall
6:30 pm Prayer Group in the chapel
 6-9 pm Boy Scouts in Locke Hall & Library
7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal in Wesley Suite

Every Thurs. 7:00 pm N.A. (*Narcotics Anonymous*) in Locke Hall

Every Fri. 7:00 pm C.M.A. (*Crystal Meth Anonymous*) in Library

Every Sat. **8:30 am Covenant Groups**
10:00 am Covenant Groups

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK March 8th – March 14th:

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| Sun., 3/8 | 6:30 p.m. MYF |
| Sun., 3/8 | Habitat Group Arrives (Providence) |
| Wed., 3/11 | 6:30 p.m. Shekinah Prayer Group |

Just a reminder that this coming **Sunday – 3/8/2020** morning is Daylight's Saving Time. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour.





This Sunday - March 8th, Joyful Noise will sing "Spirit Song" in worship. All are welcome to come to rehearse at 10:00 a.m. and sing in Worship at 10:45 a.m. Joyful Noise sings on the floor of the sanctuary and can sit where you like so no stairs are involved. Please come along and make a joyful noise!



You are invited to attend and invite your friends and family to
the

SOCIETY & MISSIONS Sponsored

Soup & Sandwich Luncheon

March 22, 2020 at 12:00 Noon

(Immediately after 10:45 worship)

in Locke Hall

Golden Hill United Methodist Church

210 Elm Street, Bridgeport, CT

Proceeds will benefit the

Volunteers in Mission

trip to Jamaica



Cost: Adults \$15.00; Children (age 12 and under) \$7.00

Takeout Orders: \$9.00 per quart for soup

Come and enjoy delectable soups including lentil barley, Jamaican chicken, Jamaican beef and chicken noodle, sandwiches, delicious desserts, and other refreshments.

For Tickets/reservation please contact: Opal Crosdale, Becki Anderson, Phyllis Jackson, Phyllis Machledt

or any member of the Society & Missions team, otherwise, please contact the church office at (203) 336-0152 or via email to office@goldenhill.org

Reservation Deadline: March 16

We need your support and it would be a pleasure to fellowship with you.



Soup & Sandwich Luncheon Reservation Form

Date: March 22, 2020 Time: 12:00 Noon

Name: _____ would like to make reservations for:
_____ (# of Adults) _____ (# of Children under 12)

Take-out Quarts

Soup Du Jour: (indicate number of takeout quarts desired for each variety listed below)

<input type="checkbox"/> Jamaican Beef Soup †	<input type="checkbox"/> Lentil † Barley (Vegetarian)
<input type="checkbox"/> Jamaican Chicken Soup	<input type="checkbox"/> Chicken Noodle

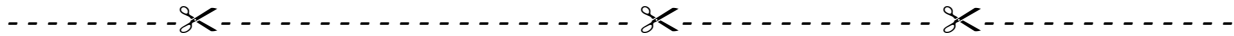


EASTER FLOWERS

Easter arrives on April 12th. Once again, we want to fill our altar in the Sanctuary with plants and flowers. Please complete the following form if you would like to donate for Easter foliage & flowers.

Completed forms must be returned to the Church Office by March 27th. Checks should be made out to Golden Hill United

Methodist church and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo section. Any dollar amount will be accepted with thanks. If you have any questions, you can call Opal Crosdale at (203) 878-7371 or call the church office at (203) 336-0152.



2020 Easter Flower Order Form

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY. THANK YOU.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Address, Phone, E-mail: _____

Amount given: _____ Check # _____ for \$_____ is attached.

Checks should be made out to Golden Hill United Methodist church and write "Easter Flowers" in the memo section.

All Easter Flower forms must be received in the CHURCH OFFICE by March 27th. Thank you for helping to make our sanctuary look beautiful this Easter!





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March 2020 M E M O R A N D U M

TO: The New York Annual Conference
FROM: Thomas J. Bickerton, Resident Bishop
RE: Coronavirus Update

Bishop Bickerton Calls for Calm and Restraint as New York Receives News of a Second Case of Coronavirus

Like most of you, we here at the New York Annual Conference read reports of two local cases of the Coronavirus (the first in Manhattan and the most recent announced just today not too far from our Conference Center in Westchester County) and responded with concern not only for the people and families affected, but also for those within our churches in need of a word to calm their natural uneasiness.

In matters of health and the potential long-term impact of the Coronavirus, these are unsettling times. I have personally reached out to our District Superintendents to assess information coming in from our clergy, as well as to offer words of hope, encouragement and prayer for those in need of strength for the days ahead.

As we work to manage our natural anxieties, it is also important to temper these feelings with solid information and rational understanding.

With this in mind, we are regularly monitoring information and updates by the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization. Here's what we know:

- There are currently no reports of Coronavirus in our churches or among our congregants. Recognizing that this information can change by the hour, I will continue to engage and seek

regular updates from our district leaders and clergy in order to address and respond as quickly as possible to any changes in this current situation.

- Although our houses of worship and other gathering places may be highly vulnerable, there are simple precautions that we can all take to limit exposure. Please feel free to share the short list of recommendations with your congregants:
 1. Wash your hands frequently with soap and hot water. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer when this is not possible.
 2. Avoid spreading viruses from surfaces to your body by not touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
 3. Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your bent elbow when coughing or sneezing. Dispose of used tissue immediately.
 4. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, limit your exposure to others and seek medical care as soon as possible.
 5. Avoid close contact with anyone who appears to be sick and, if you are sick yourself, do not visit places that place others at risk for illness.
 6. While we are a people of welcome and hospitality, please use discretion and care in the manner in which you greet one another. There are many ways in which we can offer the peace of Christ that are gracious and welcoming.
- The New York State Department of Health has compiled a comprehensive listing of resources and [offers regular updates on their website](#). In most instances, this information is available in English, Spanish, Korean and Simplified Chinese.
- The [Office of NYS Governor Andrew M. Cuomo offers timely information](#) as well and will continue to do so as news develops.
- We will monitor information as it becomes available and keep you informed on [our Conference website](#) with vetted reports from highly-reliable sources.

As a husband, father and grandfather I personally understand how this current outbreak increases fear and anxiety about the future. In response, I ask that you continue to pray for a quick resolution and pray too for the hands and minds of the healthcare professionals on the front line, who have no choice but to walk into the unknown each day.

For those of us viewing the rise of the Coronavirus from a somewhat safer vantage point, know that there are proven steps that you can take to limit your risk, resources that you can examine to quell your concerns and a God that did not give us a spirit of fear.

As difficult as it may be, I ask that you walk in faith and Christian understanding in the uncertain and stressful days and weeks ahead.

As a people of faith and as leaders of literally thousands of residents in the New York/Connecticut region, let us lead with clear vision, a non-anxious presence, and with the bold proclamation that we believe God, through the work of Holy Spirit, will walk with us to see us through this or any other challenge we may face.

Stay strong and keep the faith!

The Journey Continues, . . .

Grace & Peace,



Thomas Bickerton
Resident Bishop

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Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm