

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 2, 2018

~ 1st Sunday of Advent ~

Scripture Readings: Psalm 25: 1-10, Luke 21: 25-36 (*The Message*)

Ministry of Music: "Advent Proclamation"
~ Chancel Choir ~

GHUMC'S New Vision Statement:

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

TODAY AT GOLDEN HILL

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

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CHAPEL LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Isabel Trudeau

CHAPEL USHER: Phil Philbrick

CHAPEL FLOWERS: Given to the Glory of God

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COMMUNION STEWARD: Carlene Campbell

COMMUNION SERVERS: Pastor Tisha, Beth Collins, Roena Littlejohn, Isabel Trudeau

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Isaiah Moore, Ilana Campbell

GREETERS: Joseph and Jovonn Sokolovic

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: Given to the Glory of God

SANCTUARY LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Isabel Trudeau

YOUTH READER: Isaiah Moore

USHERS: Opal Crosdale, Byron Crosdale, Carlton Johnson and Pauline Mendez

TELLERS: Vinette Fisher, Roland Wright

NURSERY CARE ASSIST: Chantel Francis, *Nursery Care is led by Donna Green.*

Join us this Sunday December 2nd following both services for our year ending Town Hall meetings with Pastor Tisha. Hear about our plans for 2019.

Advent Study Begins, Sunday December 2nd. Christmas always happens right in the midst of our chaos. God breaks into our noisy disorder and is made known in Jesus Christ. **Join us this season for our Advent Study** on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am or Monday evenings at 7:30 pm, "**Bethlehem in the Midst of Bedlam**". Please consider inviting someone you'd like to share this season with to this special series. For more information, please contact Beth Collins at aocollins47@optimum.net, or call 203-521-1467. You may also register for this study by contacting the church office at (203) 336-0152.

Bishop's Evening with the District – All members and leaders are invited for dinner and Christmas celebration with Bishop Bickerton at the Hamden Plains UMC, 15 Church Street, Hamden CT 06514, on Tuesday, December 11th at 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Bishop Bickerton will be engaging in a detailed dialogue with information and clarity as we journey toward general conference February 2019. He will explain how it will impact our conference and the way forward, etc. To register for this important meeting, please go the link below, or let the church office know. Thanks.

<https://www.nyac.com/eventdetail/12436270?month=12&year=2018&day=1&display=m>

Fundraiser for Golden Hill - Can you volunteer **just 2 hours** of your time to help raise much-needed money in support of our outreach programs? We will be doing gift wrapping at Barnes and Noble at 1076 Post Road in Westport in December. Barnes and Noble will provide all the necessary supplies for wrapping. **All donations will go to support the outreach programs at Golden Hill, including the current expense costs.** We need to provide a **minimum of 3 volunteers** per time slot. The dates and times are: **FRIDAY, DEC. 14** from 1 pm to 9 pm and **SATURDAY, DEC.15** between 9 am and 9 pm. Volunteers need to commit to **at least 2 hours** to wrap packages and speak to customers and potential donors about what Golden Hill does in the Bridgeport community. If you can participate, please contact Phyllis Machledt at 203-268-8737 or go to this link to sign up for your preferred time. **Volunteers are needed for Friday and Saturday evenings.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e44a5ac2faafd0-gift1>

We recently started a new musical group at our church “Joyful Noise”. “Joyful Noise” is an opportunity to sing in worship with minimum commitment. Rehearsal is at 10:15 a.m. and we will sing in Worship the second Sunday of the month. We would love to have you sing with us! **The next Joyful Noise rehearsal will be Sunday, December 9th and we will be singing “The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy” in worship that day.** Come make a Joyful Noise!

Christmas Baskets: Thank you to all of you who took tags to purchase toys for Christmas baskets. If you were not able to get a tag, we would much appreciate \$10 gift cards for Target that we can use as gifts for the older children. When you are grocery shopping for your holiday meal this week, please consider picking up some cookies, canned vegetables and canned fruit. All of the donations of food and unwrapped toys are needed at church by Sunday, December 9. Together we will be helping **110 families**. Join us for Gift Wrapping for Monday, December 17th at 7 pm.

The Shower Ministry Items needed right now are: men’s underwear size medium, travel size toothpaste and body powder. We will keep you posted as the inventory fluctuates. Thank you for all your support of this ministry.

Weekenders Backpack Program: All contributions are much appreciated, whether it is one item or several. Thanks so much for all you do to support this ministry. **Helpful items we need in church by Sunday, December 9 for packing on Tuesday, December 11:** individual pasta, applesauce, Vienna sausage, juice boxes, chocolate milk, condensed soup, fruit snacks and white milk.

Share our love of Christmas and celebrate Jesus’ birth together in a new way. On Saturday, **December 8th at 10am – 5pm** we will be celebrating the Advent of Christmas with a display of personal **“Nativity Artwork”** in Locke Hall. Please consider sharing a personal or family Christmas theme object with our congregation! Your loan will be honored and displayed (under supervision) for all to enjoy and see in Locke Hall. We will receive your loaned pieces before and after our service on December 2th. Your loaned pieces will be locked securely until the show. Please call Eric Johnson (203-913-7088) or the Crosdales (203-878-7371) with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to seeing you December 8th!

Roots Bible Study Group The Roots Bible Study group will meet today, **Sunday, Dec 2 and Dec. 16 at 7:00 PM in the parlor.** This year we will be studying the book, “The Triumph of Christianity” by Bart Ehrman. **Anyone is welcome to join us;** no preparation is necessary. Any questions regarding the material or the Roots group? Contact John Machledt (203) 268-8737 or jmachledt@sbcglobal.net or Mize Johnson (203) 445-1676 or mizejohnson@sbcglobal.net

Altar Flowers Sponsors are needed for the sanctuary on Sunday, December 9th and both services December 16th. If you are interested in sponsoring the flowers for these open dates, please speak with Janice Brown at (203) 384-6232

MYF Supports Habitat for Humanity by building Gingerbread Houses. A Silent Auction of gingerbread houses will be held in the parlor Sunday, December 16th through Sunday, December 23rd. Support our youth and Habitat for Humanity by bidding on gingerbread houses in the parlor. Successful bidders will take their houses home for Christmas on the 23rd!

The Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut will host the annual Tree of Light Ceremony at Bridgeport Public Library North End Branch – 3455 Madison Avenue on Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 PM. You are invited to gather in the warmth of friendship and community to celebrate the life and honor the memory of departed family members and friends. Please see the flyer in the back for additional locations in the Greater Bridgeport area. Tree of Light Contact Information: (203) 366-3821.

The First United Methodist Church of Shelton cordially invites you to "Just Imagine!" Sunday, December, 9 from 11:30 am until 3 pm in Wilkinson Hall. Author and artist, Diane Plancon Wyckoff, will present her 10 year work, researching, illustrating and drawing the pictorial history of our Lord's great sacrifice and the joyous affirmation of the empty tomb. The artist will discuss her works and her books will be available for sale.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED, please list your church affiliation as Golden Hill United Methodist and notify the church office.

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK Dec 2 – Dec 9

Sun., 12/2	<i>1st Sunday of Advent ~</i>	
	8:30 am	Chapel Worship Service
	9:30 am	Town Hall Meeting w/Pastor Tisha
	9:45 am	Choir Warm up
	9:45 am	Adult Advent Sunday School in the Parlor
	10:45 am	Sanctuary Worship Service
	12:00 pm	Town Hall Meeting w/Pastor Tisha
	7:00 pm	Roots Bible Study
Mon., 12/3	5:30 pm	Confirmation Class in the Parlor
	7:30 pm	Advent Bible Study
Thu., 12/6	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting

NOTE: Bold Print denotes a church related event/meeting, non-bold items are outside groups.

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 (*every Sunday when dismissed from 10:45 service*)
9:45 am Adult Sunday School in the Parlor-
6:30 pm United Methodist Youth (UMYF)
- Every Mon. -** 5:30 pm Confirmation Class in the Parlor
- Every Tues. -** 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
(*Choir members should check Dan's music calendar for occasional changes*)
- 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

NOTE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING BUILDING USE, EVENTS, & MEETINGS:

- Sat., 12/8** 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Nativity Art Exhibit in Locke Hall
Sun., 12/9 2nd Sunday of Advent ~
8:30 am Chapel Worship Service
9:45 am Choir Warm up
9:45 am Adult Advent Sunday School in the Parlor
10:15 am Joyful Noise Choir Rehearsal
10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service
4:00 pm Church Conference w/cluster churches at Monroe UMC
- Mon., 12/10** 5:30 pm Confirmation Class in the Parlor
7:30 pm Advent Bible Study
- Tue., 12/11** 6:00 pm Bishop Bickerton's Day on the CT District, Hamden Plains UMC, Hamden, CT
- Thu., 12/13** 7:30 pm SPPRC Meeting
- Fri., 12/14** 9:00 am Christmas Basket Committee using Locke Hall Thru December 23rd
- Sat., 12/15** NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
Sun., 12/16 3rd Sunday of Advent ~
8:30 am Chapel Worship Service
9:45 am Choir Warm up
9:45 am Adult Advent Sunday School in the Parlor
10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service
1:00 pm Caroling- church wide event sponsored by the UMYF
7:00 pm Roots Bible Study

Mon., 12/17 **5:30 pm** **Confirmation Class in the Parlor**
 7-10:00 pm **Christmas Basket Gift Wrapping**
 7:00 pm **Qrtly Meeting of Trustees/Finance/SPPRC**
 7:30 pm **Advent Bible Study**
Wed., 12/19 **6:30 pm** **Scout Court of Honor Ceremony**
Thu., 12/20 **7:00 pm** **Scout Committee Meeting in Oak Room**
 7:30 pm **Finance Meeting**
Sat. 12/22 **9:00 am-12 pm** **Christmas Baskets Pick Up**
 10:00 am-2 pm **Delivery**

Sun., 12/23 ***4th Sunday of Advent ~***
 8:30 am **Chapel Worship Service**
 9:45 am **Choir Warm up**
 9:45 am **Adult Advent Sunday School in the Parlor**
 10:45 am **Sanctuary Worship Service**

Mon., 12/24 **10:30 pm** **Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary**

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The Rev. Dean Amelung, Clergy-in-Residence
The Rev. Sara Lamar-Sterling, Clergy-in-Residence
The Rev. James A. Stinson, Clergy-in-Residence

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Christmas Poinsettias



In Memory
Or
In Honor

**Poinsettia, Wreaths & Holiday Greens at Golden Hill
Deck the Halls at Advent to Honor or in Memory of Family & Friends**

Counting down the days to the start of Advent and Christmas, we remind you that we want to adorn our church with beautiful poinsettia, wreaths and greens for the season. If you would like to be part of this, please complete the form below with the

name(s), in memory or in honor of someone you know and return it to Opal Crosdale with the specified amount you want to give. The suggested donation is \$30, however, any amount (more or less) will be accepted. Please call Opal Crosdale with any questions (203) 878-7371 or see her at church.

Christmas Flowers & Greens Donation

Deadline: December 9, 2018

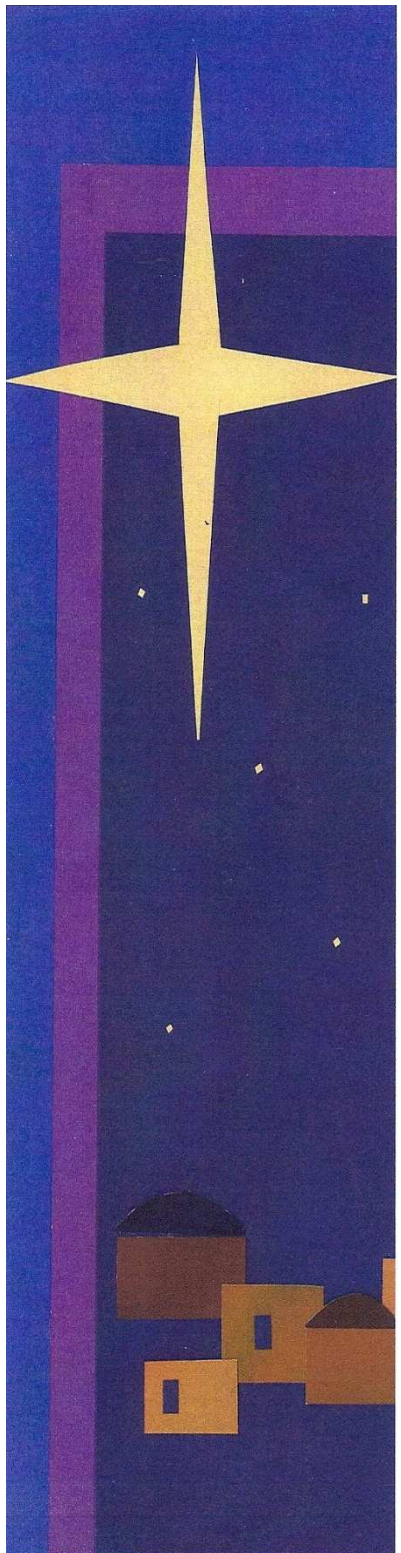
In Memory / In Honor of (circle one)

(Name of person(s) remembered or honored)

Donated by

Donation Amount: _____

Please print all information exactly as you wish it to appear in the church bulletin and return to the church office or to Opal Crosdale by December 2. Checks may be made out to Golden Hill United Methodist Church, with Christmas flowers in the memo line.



Golden Hill United Methodist Church

Invites You To

**The Star of Bethlehem
Festival of Nativity Art**

Saturday, December 8th

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Please come to view a unique and diverse collection of nativity art from around the world on loan from our congregation and their friends.

Joy to the World!

Golden Hill United Methodist Church
210 Elm Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604
Phone: 203-336-0152

www.goldenhill.org

Driving Directions can be found on our website home page.

