

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, February 4, 2018 ~ 5th Sunday after Epiphany

“Rise Up: Focus”

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31 and Mark 1:29-39

Music Ministry: *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*
~ The Chancel Choir ~

TODAY AT GOLDEN HILL

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS! THANK YOU!

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

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: Diana & Carl Moore

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CHAPEL LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Roena Littlejohn

CHAPEL USHER: Phil Philbrick

CHAPEL FLOWERS: *Given to the Glory of God.*

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COMMUNION STEWARD: Opal Crosdale

COMMUNION SERVERS: Pastor Tisha, Beth Collins, Roena Littlejohn & Sonya Green

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Jovan Sokolovic and Ilana Campbell

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: *Given to the Glory of God.*

USHERS: Becki Anderson, Byron Crosdale, Opal Crosdale, and Don Wakeman

SANCTUARY LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Roena Littlejohn

YOUTH READER: BJ Francis

TELLERS: Roland Wright and Vinette Fisher

NURSERY CARE ASSIST: Chanel Francis *Nursery Care is led by Donna Green*

Altar Flowers Needed... for Feb. 11th in the Sanctuary. Please speak to Janice Brown if you are interested in sponsoring the flowers on this open date.

Worship attendance for Last Sunday, January 28th: 96

Jan. 28th 8:30 a.m. Chapel Service 11 10:45 a.m. Sanctuary Service 85

Nursery: Students 3, Assistant 1

Sunday School: Students 17, Teachers 4

Adult Study: Students 3, Teacher 1

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF): Students 6, Advisors 3

Confirmation Class: Students 2, Teachers 2

Jan. 24th NO Shower Ministry, Community Supper 85

The Shower Ministry Items needed right now Men's deodorant, Men's underwear size M & L, and Men's socks (crew & tube). We will keep you posted as the inventory fluctuates. Thank you for all your support of this ministry.

Weekender Back Pack Grocery Needs: Donations needed in church by Sunday, February 11 for packing on Tuesday, February 13: fruit snacks, popcorn, full size-canned pasta, small vegetables, and individual peanut butter. Thanks so much!

The 2018 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the narthex (on the right side as you enter the narthex from the Golden Hill street entrance)

Souper Bowl Sunday Notice Today, Sunday, February 4th we at Golden Hill are joining with others 4th around the country in collecting donations for "Souper Bowl Sunday." In the winter, many people are forced to choose between food, heat and other necessities at the same time when food pantries are running low on items. This year our collection at Golden Hill will be going towards our weekenders program and Community Suppers. If you brought food in for weekenders, we thank you very much. If you would like to make a monetary donation to support our Community Suppers program, any amount would be much appreciated. For more information on this national food drive, talk to Becki Anderson, or go to www.souperbowl.org.

GROWING, GROWING, GROWING... Our recent efforts to understand how we can best grow our church community began with an All Church Survey in April 2016. Over 70 respondents confirmed our diversity, importance of our faith community in our everyday lives and the strong connections we have made with many friends. Following this study, Rev. Joseph Ewoodzie led us through a John Wesleyan based Bible study about church growth. This summer, we regretfully said goodbye to Rev. Ewoodize when he was assigned to a Long Island church as their pastor. We are now partnered with Rev David Gilmore, NYAC Director of Congregational Development & Revitalization, as our congregational growth coach. In November 2017, we were challenged to respond to a second survey about **Core Values, Vision and Mission**. Core Values define who we are now and can lead us to Vision either ...God's dream, our miraculous expectation or... a default future. On Tues., Dec. 12th a small group gathered in the evening under Rev. Gilmore's leadership. We defined the **Core Values** of our Golden Hill community as **Authentic, Faithful, Intellectual and Loving**. **We will meet next on Monday, February 12th at 7:30 pm** to dream and **Vision** as a missional church. Will you join us in February to dream and vision our future together? We will be discussing:

- 1) What would Jesus see, hear, notice and experience as he walks around our neighborhood and church? What would break his heart? What burden is Jesus calling the church to bear in the mission field?
- 2) What impressions, if any, do outsiders have of our congregation? What trends and challenges are they seeing in our community today? What unmet needs do they see in our community?

Questions: Call Beth Collins at 203-521-1467 or aocollins47@optimum.net or Opal Crosdale at Crosdale@optonline.net **Looking forward to seeing you on Monday, February 12th.**

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A heart of Love and a hand that helps: Golden Hill Family and friends, last week **a young adult family from our church experienced a fire in their kitchen that affected several rooms in their home**. They would greatly appreciate any help we can give to help restore their home. **At this time they are in need of:**

- Bedding (Queen and twin size sheet sets)
- Towels, hand towels, and wash cloths
- shelf/pantry for food
- a few gallons of white paint
- love seat (to be delivered directly to the family if possible)
- microwave and microwave table

If you can help with any of these items, please contact Ms. Melodye or Pastor Tisha. Thank you in advance!

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District Resource Day - Sun., Feb. 11th 2-5 pm at Stratford UMC, 2600 Main St., Stratford, CT. Below are the various workshops being offered. **Pre-Registration, go to the New York Annual Conference website, www.nyac.com**. Click on Events or Calendar, then District-CT, and select the date you plan to attend. Or, follow this link to the registration page:

<https://ny-reg.brtapp.com/2018-CTDistrictResourceDays>

- **SPRC 101-** a basic overview of Staff Parish Relations Committee work
- **Changing Face of Youth & Student Ministries-** Finding ways to meet current time constraints on our youth
- **Parish Development** – All you need to know about Parish Development Loans & Grants (DIMCHEX) for your church.
- **Re-Purposing Church Property** –From a case study perspective, the facilitators will offer possibilities & changes of re-purposing church property for the sake of ministry.
- **Six Thinking Hats-** A simple effective process that helps people be more productive, focused and mindfully involved.
- **Life-Changing Mission Trips-** What they are, How you get involved, How they can be successful.
- **Sanctuary Church-** How your church might consider offering sanctuary to undocumented immigrants facing deportation and other ways the church can support immigrants.
- **Church Finances-** Discussion on the most frequently asked question on finances to the Conference Center. Taxes, budgets, auditing, apportionments, and clergy benefits are some of the topics discussed.
- **What's New and What's Next at Intersection of Faith & Culture-** We will present a summary of cultural, religious, and political trends in our society that are impacting the way our churches do ministry.

If you have any questions on these workshops or registration, please call Maggie Carr, Council on Ministries CT District Chair at 203-284-8278.

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

OPPORTUNITIES THIS WEEK February 4 – 11

Sun., 2/4	<i>5th Sunday after the Epiphany ~</i> 8:30 am Chapel Worship Service 9:45 am Choir Warm-up 10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service NO UMYF today 12:30 pm Steel Band Rehearsal
Mon., 2/5	7:30 pm WORSHIP Comm. Meeting
Tues., 2/6	<i>(See the box below with weekly items.)</i>
Wed., 2/7	11:30 am Back Packers 12 pm Prayer Walk
Thurs., 2/8	7:30 pm SPPRC Meeting
Fri., 2/9	<i>(See the box below with weekly items.)</i>
Sat., 2/10	
Sun., 2/11	<i>Transfiguration Sunday ~</i> 8:30 am Chapel Worship Service 9:45 am Choir Warm-up 9:45 am Lenten Study 10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service 12:00 pm Health Care Team Meeting in the Oak Room 12:00 pm 40 Day Prayer Journey Meeting 12:30 pm Steel Band Rehearsal 2:00 pm CT District Resource Day at Stratford UMC 2-5 pm 6:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

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

<u>Meetings that happen weekly at Golden Hill UM Church:</u>	
Every Mon. -	6:00 pm Confirmation Class
Every Tues. -	9:30 am – 2:30 pm Culinary Class 7:30 pm N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous)
Every Wed. -	2:00 pm Shower Ministry 5:00 pm Community Supper 6:30 pm Prayer Group 6:30-9 pm Boy Scouts 7:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
Every Thurs. -	9:30 am – 2:30 pm Culinary Class 7 p.m. N.A. (Narcotics Anonymous)
Every Fri. -	7 p.m. C.M.A. (Crystal Meth Anonymous)

NOTE THESE DATES FOR UPCOMING BUILDING USE & EVENTS:

Mon. 2/12	7:30 pm Congregational Growth Meeting w/Rev. Gilmore
Tues., 2/13	5:30 pm Back Packers 6-8 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper hosted by the UMW (United Methodist Women)
Wed., 2/14	<i>Ash Wednesday</i> 12 pm Ash Wednesday Service in the Chapel NO Prayer Group or Choir Rehearsal this week because of the Ash Wed. service. 6:30 pm Boy Scouts (6:30-9 every Wed.) 6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service in the Sanctuary
Thurs., 2/15	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

5:00 pm Prayer Walk
7:30 pm FINANCE Meeting

Fri., 2/16

Sat., 2/17

10:30 am Men's Ministry Meeting in the Parlor

Sun., 2/18

1st Sunday in Lent ~

8:30 am Chapel Worship Service

9:45 am Choir Warm-up

10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service

6:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF)

Mon., 2/19

12:00 pm Prayer Walk, 7:30 pm Lenten Study at home of Beth Collins

Tues., 2/20

Wed., 2/21

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