

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, November 18, 2018

~ 26th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Thanksgiving Sunday

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 1:4-7; 9-11, Psalter - Psalm 113, Hebrews 10:22-25

Ministry of Music:

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
~ 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.

COFFEE HOUR HOST: Geri Floyd

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CHAPEL LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Sonya Green

CHAPEL FLOWERS: Given in memory of our cousin, Ellen Woodin by Lou and Donna Green and Nancy Gudzik. **THANKSGIVING DISPLAY** of pumpkins and gourds, generously donated by Jones Family Farm, Shelton.

GREETERS: Joseph and Jovonn Sokolovic

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: **THANKSGIVING DISPLAY** of pumpkins and gourds generously donated by Jones Family Farm, Shelton

SANCTUARY LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Melodye Merola

YOUTH READER: Ashani Ross

USHERS: Patrine Carr-Tracey, Opal Crosdale, Carlton Johnson and Carl Moore

TELLERS: Alan Offeney, Roland Wright

NURSERY CARE ASSIST: Aaliyah Dillion, *Nursery Care is led by Donna Green.*

With Joy & Love! My Dearest Golden Hill Church Family, my heart is filled with so much joy for the honor of being your Pastor! Thank you for the beautiful flowers and card. Their diverse colors and beauty remind me of what a blessing each of you are to me and God! I truly love you all! May God’s richest blessings continue to flow through your life. Shalom, Pastor Tisha.

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 9:45am or Monday evenings at 7:30pm, **“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 203-521-1467. You may also register for this study by contacting the church office at (203) 336-0152).

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. the second Sunday of the month.** That Sunday we will sing a hymn or something familiar in the service. You can sit wherever you like during the service and come forward and sing (standing or seated), no choir robe needed. We would love to have you sing with us, please **show up the second Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m.** The next Joyful Noise rehearsal will be Sunday, December 9th. Come make a Joyful Noise!

Nut Order Distributions Nut orders **are available today, November 18th** for pick up. If you have not had a chance to pay for your order, you may pay with cash, or write a check to Golden Hill United Methodist Church. All questions and concerns can be directed to Geri Floyd at (203-268-4899).

Christmas Baskets: Can you believe it is almost Thanksgiving?! For all of you who might be doing some shopping this coming weekend, we will be handing out tags for toys to be included in this year's Christmas baskets. Also, again this year, we are giving the older children gift cards to Target and if you would like to purchase \$10 gift cards, that would be much appreciated. When you are grocery shopping for your holiday meal this week, please consider picking up some instant mashed potatoes, instant stuffing mix and dry gravy mix. One final note, we are still looking temporary homes for frozen turkeys. If you have some freezer space, please let Sonya Green or Phyllis Machledt know pmachledt@gmail.com or phone number **203-268-8737**.

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

Weekenders Backpack Program While our cupboards are well stocked with some items, we are looking for many of our protein items on our grocery lists. 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, November 25 for packing on Tuesday, November 27:** individual pasta, ramen noodles, 5-6 ounce tuna, Vienna sausage, juice boxes, chocolate milk, peanut butter crackers and full size pasta. Thank you so much!

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service Greater Bridgeport Tent of Abraham will sponsor a Community Interfaith Thanksgiving Service **today**, Nov.18, at 4 p.m. at the Bessemer Center on 2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT. Contributions of prayers, songs, music, etc. are welcome.

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 after Thanksgiving (before and after our services on November 25th and December 5th). 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, Nov. 18, Dec 2 and Dec. 16 at 7:00 PM Sunday evening 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 previous preparation is necessary. If you have any questions regarding the material or the Roots group, please contact John Machledt [(203) 268-8737r jmachledt@sbcglobal.net] or Mize Johnson [(203) 445-1676 or mizejohnson@sbcglobal.net].

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 Nov 18 – Nov 25

- Sun., 11/18 **26th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Beth Collins**
~ **Thanksgiving Sunday** ~
8:30 am Chapel Worship Service
9:45 am Choir Warm up
9:45 am Adult Sunday School in the Parlor
10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service
7:00 pm Roots Bible Study in the Parlor
- Mon., 11/19 **5:30 – 7:00 pm Confirmation Class in the Parlor**
7:30 pm LAY SERVANT SPEAKER Meeting
- Thu., 11/22 **Thanksgiving Day – Office Closed**

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:

- Sun., 11/25** *Christ the King Sunday ~ Rev. David Gilmore*
8:30 am Chapel Worship Service
9:45 am Choir Warm up
9:45 am Adult Sunday School in the Parlor
10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service
1:00 pm CAREGIVERS service in Locke Hall
- Mon., 11/26** 5:30 – 7:00 pm Confirmation Class in the Parlor
- Sun., 12/2** *1st Sunday of Advent ~*
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 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 – 7:00 pm Confirmation Class in the Parlor
Thu., 12/ 6 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
Sat., 12/ 8 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Nativity Art Exhibit in Locke Hall
- Sun., 12/9** *2nd Second in Advent ~*
8:30 am Chapel Worship Service
9:45 am Choir Warm up
9:45 am Adult 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 – 7:00 pm Confirmation Class in the Parlor
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

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## ADVENT STUDY REGISTRATION FORM

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I plan to attend the Advent Study: (check off which time you prefer)

Sunday morning at 9:45 am \_\_\_\_\_ begins Sunday, Dec 2

Monday evening at 7:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_ begins Monday, Dec 3

My Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or email address \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out and return registration form to the church office.