

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, September 16, 2018

~ 17th Sunday after Pentecost ~ "Power of our Words" ~

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19 and James 3:1-12

Ministry of Music: The Offertory is being sung by Joyful Noise.

This Sunday we celebrate the beginning of 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, October 14th. Come make a Joyful Noise!

GHUMC'S New Vision Statement:

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

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.

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CHAPEL LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Sonya Green

CHAPEL USHER: Bill Brown

CHAPEL FLOWERS: *Given by Bill & Janice Brown in honor of those battling addiction and those who fight to help them recover.*

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GREETERS: George & Barbara Nelson

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: *Given by Dean Amelung in loving memory of Doris Amelung, Ginny Green, John Gudzik, Kurt Ostberg, Bill Hurd, and Lyn Hurd.*

SANCTUARY LAY SERVANT LEADER & LITURGIST: Byron Crosdale

YOUTH READER: Kendall Crosdale

USHERS: Becki Anderson, Opal Crosdale, Jim Floyd, and Pauline Mendez

TELLERS: Roland Wright & Alan Offene

NURSERY CARE ASSIST: Malaki Barham *Nursery Care is led by Donna Green.*

Altar Flower Sponsors are needed for both services on Sept. 23rd: If you are interested in sponsoring the flowers for this open date at either service, please speak with Janice Brown 203-384-6232.

The Shower Ministry Items needed right now are: Men's underwear size L, and Men's Socks (crew or ankle). We will keep you posted as the inventory fluctuates. Thank you for all your support of this ministry.

WEEKENDERS BACK PACKER PROGRAM: We continue to provide 24 backpacks to students at Geraldine Claytor Magnet Academy in Bridgeport for our Weekenders Backpack ministry outreach to alleviate food insecurity. At this stage, we are working with our school contact to gather registration information. The first backpacks will go out Sept. 14th or 21st. We appreciate the donations that came in over the summer. **Helpful items we need now are-** Tuna (2-3 ounce), Chicken Ramen noodles, Cheese & Crackers, and juice.

If you are looking for your volunteer niche at Golden Hill, we have opportunities to join our back packing group. We plan, shop, and pack the back packs. Please speak to Becki Anderson or Mary Agostino. We thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

HEALTH TEAM MEETING - The Health Team will meet **Sunday, Sept. 30 at 12 noon following** the 10:45 a.m. service. We will meet in the Chapel.

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Dear Golden Hill United Methodist Church community,  
Grace and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

My name is Jill Wilson. I am the CT District Mission Coordinator. I have been working with Steven Kolitz (New Milford) and Pastor Laura Galbraith (Forestville) in **developing a plan to send a Disaster Recovery team from our District to Puerto Rico soon.**

It has been nearly a year since the catastrophic Hurricane, Maria, devastated Puerto Rico. The needs continue to be immense, with over 60,000 roofs still in need of repair and or replacement. The plan is to assist with their recovery. **Additionally, we would like to support the Partnership Agreement, that Bishop Bickerton signed with the Methodist Church of Puerto Rico, at Annual Conference in June.**

We are inviting everyone in our District to one of our information sessions (presentation with Q/A) to learn about what it would mean to participate, and/or support someone who wishes to be a part of this recovery team opportunity. We hope you will attend, bring a friend or send someone to one of the 2 meetings we have planned, to get information. **1<sup>st</sup> meeting – 9/29 9-11 am at New Milford UMC or 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting – 9/30 Hamden Plains UMC 3-5 pm. RSVP to Jill Wilson at [jillmwilson@comcast.net](mailto:jillmwilson@comcast.net) or Steve Kolitz at [sbkolitz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbkolitz@sbcglobal.net)**

If you have any questions, please call me anytime!

Thank you, and hope to see you and/or others interested, on the 29th or 30th. (There is an rsvp request.)

In His service,

**Jill Wilson**

CT District Mission Coordinator

Bristol (Prospect UMC)

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Golden Hill recognizes the needs as well as the courage of those experiencing addictions and those seeking, getting and providing treatment as we continue to provide space for three recovery groups. Currently, Golden Hill hosts two groups of Narcotics Anonymous, and one Crystal Meth Anonymous group. We support the efforts of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the US government (SAMSHA.gov), the sponsoring organization of National Recovery Month. Please take note of information posted within the church. We will be providing prayer boxes in the meeting sites and will honor prayer requests from participants.

*National Recovery Month is a national observance held every September to educate Americans that substance use treatment and mental health services can enable those with a mental and/or substance use disorder to live a healthy and rewarding life.*

*Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery, just as we celebrate health improvements made by those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma, and heart disease. The observance reinforces the positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover.*

*There are millions of Americans whose lives have been transformed through recovery. Since these successes often go unnoticed by the broader population, Recovery Month provides a vehicle for everyone to celebrate these accomplishments. Each September, tens of thousands of prevention, treatment, and recovery programs and facilities around the country celebrate Recovery Month. They speak about the gains made by those in recovery and share their success stories with their neighbors, friends, and colleagues. In doing so, everyone helps to increase awareness and furthers a greater understanding about the diseases of mental and substance use disorders. – [www.SAMHSA.gov](http://www.SAMHSA.gov)*

We welcome among us all who struggle with chronic health issues including addictive and compulsive behaviors and other mental health challenges.

For further information, please take note of the SAMHSA.gov website, as well as the Connecticut Community for Addiction Recovery (CCAR) center located at 430 State St. in Bridgeport (in the Arcade). Their phone number is 203-332-3303. The CCAR website is at CCAR.us.

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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 Sept. 16 - 23**

- Sun., 9/16      **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~**
  - 8:30 am Chapel Worship Service**
  - 9:45 am Choir Warm up**
  - 10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service**
  - 12:00 pm UMW Meeting in the Library**
  - 4:30 pm Confirmation Orientation in the Parlor**
- Mon., 9/17      **7:00 pm Qrtly Meeting of Trustees, SPPRC, Finance w/Pastor Tisha**
- Thu., 9/20      **7:30 pm FINANCE Meeting, 6-9 pm N.A. in Locke Hall**
- Sun., 9/23      **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~**
  - 8:30 am Chapel Worship Service, 9:45 am Choir Warm up**
  - 10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service**
  - 12:00 pm Young Adult gather w/Pastor Tisha (off site)**

**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 began on 9/9 (*every Sunday when dismissed from 10:45 service*)  
9:45 am Adult Sunday School in the Parlor- *every Sunday, began on 9/9*  
6:30 pm United Methodist Youth (UMYF) *every Sunday beginning 9/16.*
- 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 (*Started on 9/5*)  
(*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., 9/29 8:30 am – 2:00 pm District Resource Academy at Torrington 1<sup>st</sup> UMC
- Sun., 9/30 **19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~**  
8:30 am Chapel Worship Service,  
9:45 am Choir Warm up  
10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service  
12:00 pm Health Team Meeting in the Library
- Thurs., 10/4 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting
- Sat., 10/6 Church Growth Strategic Planning Meeting (time to be determined)
- Sun., 10/7 **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ World Communion Sunday**  
8:30 am Chapel Worship Service,  
9:45 am Choir Warm up  
10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service
- Mon., 10/8 **Columbus Day observed**
- Thurs., 10/11 7:30 pm SPPRC Meeting
- Sat., 10/13 Chili Fest (more info to come in the near future)
- Sun., 10/14 **21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~**  
8:30 am Chapel Worship Service,  
9:45 am Choir Warm up  
10:15 am "Joyful Noise" rehearsal  
10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service  
12:00 pm Older Adult Gathering w/Pastor Tisha
- Mon., 10/15 **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**
- Thurs., 10/18 7:30 pm Finance Meeting
- Sat., 10/20 Locke Hall in private use (time to be determined.)
- Sun., 10/21 **22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ Laity Sunday**  
8:30 am Chapel Worship Service,  
9:45 am Choir Warm up  
10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service
- Thurs., 10/25 7:00 pm Trustee Meeting
- Sat., 10/27 Locke Hall in private use (time to be determined.)
- Sun., 10/28 **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost ~ D.S. preaching today**  
8:30 am Chapel Worship Service,  
9:45 am Choir Warm up  
10:45 am Sanctuary Worship Service

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