



East Avenue United Methodist Church
Norwalk, Connecticut

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From the Pastor

As I write to you this morning, we have already embarked upon our Lenten journey with Jesus. Through the season of Lent, Christians are invited to enter a period of self-examination, repentance, prayer, fasting, and self-denial. We are called to use these forty days as a time of reflection on our sins and the ways that we separate ourselves from God and from one another and if we are wise, as a time of preparation. For we do not deny ourselves simply to boast that we didn't eat meat, chocolate or bread, or waste time on Facebook, or any of the various things that people give up for Lent. We deny ourselves during Lent in preparation for the work that God has for us when the time is fulfilled, for the kingdom of God is at hand.

As much as we sometimes like to believe that Lent is about us and about what we do or don't do, we know that while it involves us, we are not the central figures in this Lenten journey. What Jesus has done for us and what we are called to do for others on his behalf are the focus of this journey.

As we look to the BIG things that God is calling on us to do individually and collectively, I offer to this community of faith the opportunity to engage in this Lenten season with renewed commitment not our personal sacrifice and how it will benefit us on our spiritual journey but to how this time of preparation might be used to benefit the community and the entire world. Join us on Wednesdays at 12 pm and 6 pm for Mid-Week Manna, where we will engage in Bible Study, enjoy a simple meal, pray collectively and meet for fellowship.

Please continue to pray for the families of Grace Clark and William Allington, who have both completed their earthly journey and now rest with the Lord.

Ronell

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LENTEN ACTIVITIES

Midweek Manna

Pastor Ronell is leading a six-week Bible Study focusing on discipleship during this season of Lent. We are meeting for Midweek Manna every Wednesday at 12 noon or 6 pm for Bible Study, a light meal, and prayer. Please join us at the time that is best for you and bring a friend along!

Palm Sunday

This year the palms which will be distributed by East Avenue UMC will be different! They will be “Eco-Palms” which are harvested in Latin America and provide income for the families of the harvesters.

On Palm Sunday Americans purchase as much as \$4.5 million worth of palms each year—mostly for church celebrations and events. Through conventional harvesting, very little of the profits from sales reaches the palm harvesters in Latin America and their communities. Through Eco-Palms, harvesters are paid a fair price for quality palms, which are harvested so as to protect the environment and the health of the palms. Eco-Palm communities also eliminate the middlemen, so more of the income stays within the community. Harvesters receive a five-cent premium on every palm, which they use to hire teachers, send children to school, support the elderly, and more! The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) partners with the University of Minnesota Center for Integrated Natural Resources and Agricultural Management to make these Eco-Palms available.

This information come from the website of Eco-Palms: <https://www.ecopalms.org>.



Sorting palm fronds





EASTER LILY ORDER FORM



I (We) wish to order _____ Easter Lily plant(s) for the Altar at a cost of \$12 each. Please make

United Methodist checks payable to

East Avenue Church

Write "Easter Flowers" in the memo section of your check.

IN MEMORY OF _____ - _____

IN HONOR OF _____

GIVEN BY _____

PHONE: _____

I want to take plant(s) home _____

Plant(s) to be given to shut-in _____

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 29, 2013

Check# _____ \$ _____

Recorded in office _____

Cash \$--- _____

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Weather made it impossible for United Methodist Women to hold its first meeting of the year on Sunday, February 22. The meeting will be rescheduled and members will be advised of the date. The purpose of the organization is to be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church

MISSION

Hello to the East Avenue United Methodist Church family from the Mission Committee.

The Souper Bowl of Caring/Chili cook off was a great success! Be sure to make plans next year to spend the Super Bowl with your church family in the parlor!

Lenten collection folders are available in the parlor. Please take a Lenten folder and fill it with quarters, dollars, checks, throughout Lent. The money will be used to support mission ministries, locally and internationally.

The children are collecting for Heifer International during the Lenten season. Heifer International is a charity organization working to end hunger and poverty around the world by providing livestock and training to struggling communities. Please remember to bring coins/dollars for their collection bags each Sunday in Lent. Thank you.

On March 15th we will celebrate One Great Hour of Sharing. This special offering with benefit UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). UMCOR uses gifts made through this offering to cover the cost of doing business. The gifts received in this offering make it possible to use 100% of all other contributions on the projects the donor specifies, instead of administrative or fundraising costs.

Thank you for contributing to the Milk Bottle Ministry. We hope to be able to continue to deliver 5 gallons of milk to the shelter every week, so please continue to remember the milk bottle each Sunday. Thank you!

Please continue to bring in bottles and cans, we will redeem the cans and use the money for our mission work.

With the Love of Christ,

Amy Silvester and Scott Trowbridge I.

Mission Co-Chairs

November/December Perfect Attendance

Fred Anderson Nov, Dec

Barbara Barnes Dec

Charlie Bowers Nov, Dec

Alan Carpenter Nov, Dec

Marge Carpenter Nov, Dec

Jackie Dayton Dec

Audrey Gerrish Nov, Dec

Marcia Hegeman Dec

Joyce Hill Nov, Dec

Pastor Howard Dec

Gail Kantzas Nov, Dec

Gavin Kantzas Nov, Dec

Kenny K Nov

Jackie Lubell Nov, Dec

Jessie McGarty Nov

Mae Pennington Nov, Dec

Vinny Pepe Nov, Dec

Jay, Amy, Daniel, Mathew Sylvester Nov, Dec

Ed Sisson Nov, Dec

Arlene Trowbridge Nov, Dec

Wayne, Val Trowbridge Nov, Dec

Josephene Sontas Nov, Dec

(*Attended a service elsewhere) **Average attendance Nov—54 - Dec—44**

SEASONED CITIZENS

The Seasoned Citizens Luncheon which will be held on March 19, 2015 will have Tod Bryant as our speaker. Mr. Bryant is the President of the Norwalk Presentation Trust and a preservation consultant. He will be speaking on the history of Liberty Square.

Please plan to join us for this meeting. Please bring a guest and a dish to share.

Allan Trowbridge, Coordinator

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The kids have been doing great during service and helping collect the Connection Cards for the Pastor. They are learning new bible stories and revisiting ones they have already learned. As they grow they learn more and more about these stories. We look forward to them growing and becoming good Christians.

Look for these upcoming events in the next two months: Heifer Project, Easter Egg decorating and Easter Egg Hunt.

Christian Education Co-Chairs

Amy Silvester & Megan Krois

March 2015

Have an event you want on the Church Calendar? Be sure to let us know.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Adult bible study 10am Worship Service	2	3	4 Noon & 6pm Midweek Manna	5 7:30 Music Rehearsal	6	7
8 8am UMM Breakfast 9am Adult bible study 10am Worship Service	9	10	11 Noon & 6pm Midweek Manna	12 6pm Trustees 7:30 Music Rehearsal	13	14
15 8am UMM Breakfast 9am Adult bible study 10am Worship Service	16	17	18 Noon & 6pm Midweek Manna	19 Noon Seasoned Citizens 7:30 Music Rehearsal	20	21 5pm Corned Beef Dinner
22 9am Adult bible study 10am Worship Service 11:30 UMW	23	24 6pm Finance 7pm Council	25 Noon & 6pm Midweek Manna	26 7:30 Music Rehearsal	27	28 8am Church Cleanup
29 9am Adult bible study 10am Worship Service	30	31				

March Birthdays



- 1 Vin Pepe
- 1 Rebecca Urban
- 1 Donald Urban
- 13 Anne Finch
- 13 Rob White
- 17 Marge Carpenter
- 18 Dora White
- 19 Judy Nelson
- 23 Abigail Krois
- 24 John Kurtzman
- 28 Allie Oravez
- 30 Sarra Nelson

Happy Anniversary!!



Greeters

- 1
- 8
- 15
- 22
- 29

Lectors



- 1 Andy Trowbridge
- 8 Wayne Trowbridge
- 15 Scott Trowbridge II
- 22 Alan Carpenter
- 29 Joyce Hill

AS A CHURCH FAMILY THAT BELIEVES IN THE POWER OF PRAYER, LET US REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

Family of Bill Allington	Bishop Jane Allen Middleton
Barbara Barnes	Allie Oravez
George Bolton	Rev. Betsy Ott
Georgianna Bolton	Parker Prout
David Brown	The Silvester family
Alice Buono	Bob Stumpf
Bob Byrne	Chris Trowbridge
Marge Carpenter	Jenn Trowbridge
Family of Grace Clark	Scott Trowbridge I
Myrtle Ferris	Bob and Dora White
Anne Finch	The Care Givers in our Church Family
Don Finch	
Wendy Finch	
Pastor Ronell Howard	
Lorie Kristof	
Susan Lane	
Family of Charmaine LeTendre	
Shirley Loftus	
Family of Paul Mehle	

Prayer:

*Healing God, send your wholeness.
Loving Christ, send your strength,
Holy Spirit, send your comforting presence,
To all who hurt, to all who struggle, to all who mourn.
Amen. (Anon.)*

For Those Serving in the Military

Adam Alexander
Andres Botttell
John C. Drabeck
Jim Hyman
Anthony Licorish
Capt. Logan Marcucci, USAF
Benjamin Trowbridge

For all who serve to bring peace to our world

Our World

For peace in areas of conflict, especially the Middle East

For Children on our Borders seeking refuge

For victims of natural disasters: floods, earthquakes, severe weather

For victims of violence in our streets and in our world

For leaders of the Church

For world leaders



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UNITED METHODIST MEN

March means Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner! Bring your friends and neighbors and plan now to eat your fill on Saturday evening, March 21.

East Avenue United Methodist Church

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Saturday March 21

From 5 pm to 8 pm

Adults **\$12.00**

