



# FIRST AND SUMMERFIELD CHURCH NEWS

MAY 2011

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## First and Summerfield United Methodist Church

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## From Pastor Sara



Guess what time of year it is...yes, it's graduation time! We're so happy to celebrate our graduates here at First & Summerfield.

Rachel Duncan will graduate from Yale Divinity School this month with a M.Div. degree. She plans to stay in the New Haven area, a blessing for us, and continue her involvement with the ministries of FSUMC as she further discerns her call to ministry.

Gladys Ireland will graduate from Clark Atlanta College in Atlanta, GA this month, with a degree in communications. Gladys is interested in print journalism and for the present time, she plans to relocate back home to New Haven, a blessing for us!

Nancy Touba will graduate from Gateway Community College with her associate degree. She plans to continue her pre-medical studies this fall at Hunter College of the City University of New York in NYC. We won't see her so often next

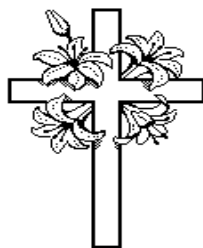
fall, but we rejoice in her continued studies.

Congratulations to all of our graduates, and to all of our students who are continuing their studies in college or graduate school. Your church family is very proud of you. We'll look forward to recognizing our graduates in worship one Sunday as we bless them on their paths and in their future goals. May God bless you and keep you!

Are there other graduates in our congregation? Contact the church office with your information about the studies you've pursued and the school you're graduating from so that we can share this good news in the next newsletter.

Peace, Pastor Sara

Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



May-June 2011 Upper Room devotional books are available on the back table of the sanctuary.



*Congratulations to two of our children, Kassandra and Ty'Jour, on their baptism on Easter Sunday! God bless you both!*



## Worship Plans for May

May 1 Reconciling Sunday, in celebration of the diversity of sexual orientations in God's creation.

May 8 Festival of Christian Home, focusing on Global Maternal Health

May 15 Good Shepherd Sunday, Maggie Carr, preaching

May 22 Aldersgate Sunday

May 29 Memorial Day Weekend

Invite a friend to worship this month!

## Meetings

- May 1, Trustees Meeting, 12pm
- May 2, SPR Meeting, 6:30pm
- May 15, 3pm District Conference, Bristol, CT
- May 18, 7:05pm Finance & Church Council
- May 30, Church Office closed for Memorial Day weekend



*Our apologies to Ad Tucker—Her Easter Flower dedication was inadvertently left out of the Easter bulletin on April 24th.*

*Ad's flowers were given in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Blyden Jackson.*

**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**Tuesdays & Wednesdays**  
**10am-3pm**  
**Thursdays, 3:15pm-5:15pm**

2011 FSUMC Church Directory is available to church members electronically. If you haven't received your copy or need to request a printed version, please contact the church office. If you find that there are any changes necessary, please let us know.

## Lent & Easter Thanks!

Many thanks to all of our worship volunteers who helped to make our Lenten season and Easter Sunday so meaningful. Thank you! What a joyful Easter for us together! - Pastor Sara

*A note from Hazel Pappas: Thank you to all our great church members for supporting me at the Award Dinner on February 18th. It was good to see so many of our church members participate. Also, thank you for your continued prayers for my husband, James.*

### Our sympathies

We offer our sympathies to Leonard & Yvonne Lynch, and Laurel & Frank Callens, on the death of Yvonne's cousin in late March. We offer our sympathies to the friends and family of former FSUMC member Nancy Bennett, who died suddenly on April 25th. Her funeral is May 7th at Redeemer UCC, at 10:30am.

## MAY SPECIAL OFFERING: May 8 Native American Ministries Sunday

Established in 1988, your generous gifts help develop and strengthen Native American ministries within the annual conference and in the US. This offering provides scholarships for Native Americans attending United Methodist schools of theology and other schools approved by the University Senate of The United Methodist Church. Approximately 19,000 United Methodists identify themselves as Native American. About 225 United Methodist churches, fellowships, and ministries that relate to this population.

## Clarke Scholarship Fund for Graduating High School Seniors

You are invited to help FSUMC recognize and support the loyal youth of our church by providing scholarship money to graduating high school students who are going on to education beyond high school: i.e. College, Technical School, etc. The Scholarship Fund was established by gifts given to FSUMC in celebration of Faye and Mike Clarke's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (married August 1956) and it is called the **Faye and Mike Clarke Scholarship Fund**. The Trustees manage this fund. Make your check payable to FSUMC with "Clarke Scholarship" and mail it to the church office or drop it in the offering plate during worship. Thanks for your support and generosity!

**A note from our Financial Secretary, Melissa Bryan** This is a reminder that when giving money to the church, please don't bundle your pledge or weekly offering into the same check as a special giving opportunity. These things go in 2 separate bank accounts. When a pledge or offering is included in the same check as special giving (for example: Anderson Fund, Building Fund, Easter Flowers, Native American Ministries Sunday, Christmas wrapping paper), it makes the work of the counting teams and accurate record keeping very difficult. One check can't be deposited into two separate banks! Thanks for your attention to this request. Also, if a check is returned for insufficient funds, the Finance Committee asks that you cover the returned check fee. Thanks so much for your help and, as always, for your generosity.

## Wealthy: Financial Considerations for Today's Seniors

Brought to you, free of charge, from Whitney Center and FSUMC's Membership & Evangelism Committee, come to a conversation on Sunday, June 5th, at 11:30am, in Trinity Hall.

Learn about aligning your assets to support your personal goals, investment and inflation risks and the importance of making a plan. Better understand home-care and lifestyle costs and the increased living expenses related to health care. Learn about the impact of the current real estate market and the importance of adapting to simplify your life. Presented by David Ratliff, Chief Financial Officer at Whitney Center.

The previous event, held in December, was very well-received. You will learn something new and valuable—don't miss out! RSVP to the church office by May 30th.



## Usher Teams for May & June

Here's the list of Usher Teams for the next two months. Many thanks to these faithful volunteers! If you're unable to usher on your assigned date, please find a substitute and contact the Church Office with the volunteer's name for the bulletin. Thank you all!

May 1: Kate Tinghitella, Dru Cherry  
May 8: Betty Anderson, Eloise Rentz  
May 15: Paulina Korankye, Nancy Davis  
May 22: Sandra & Kirk Baird  
May 29: Chris Lamar-Sterling, Leonard Lynch  
June 5: Deb & Van Selden  
June 12: Jerry Rowley, Ad Tucker  
June 19: Maggie & John Carr  
June 26: Crew Smith, Dennis Jones  
Contact Usher Chair Dru Cherry for more information.



## SPRING YARD WORK AT FSUMC:

Sat. May 21st, 9am to 12pm. Bring your garden tools and help the Trustees clean up the ivy and the ramp walkway. Talk to Eloise Rentz for more information or to volunteer.



Save the Date: Friday, June 10th  
 MIND Luncheon at Annual Conference  
 Hofstra University, Long Island  
 Guest speaker: Rev. Greg Dell

See [www.mindny.org](http://www.mindny.org) for details

### CONFERENCE & DISTRICT NEWS

#### CT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Sunday, May 15th

2pm at Prospect UMC, Bristol, CT

This is the annual meeting for the CT District of the New York Annual Conference of the UMC.

Rev. Richard Hawke, preaching

For more info: [www.gb-gm-umc.org/ctcentral](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/ctcentral)

Come to the

## Celebration of Mission

Saturday, June 11

at Annual Conference

Lunch at 11:30 a.m. (Cost of lunch will be \$5.00 per person)



Bring your church banner with its message of mission and ministry!

Parade of Banners!



Bishop Violet Fisher

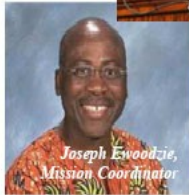
Special Guests!



Thomas Kemper, General Board of Global Ministries



Join Bishop Jeremiah Park and United Methodists of all ages from across the conference for a day of inspiration and celebration!



Joseph Ewoodzie, Mission Coordinator

Go for the Gold Awards and more!

Register Now!

Deadline is June 1.

Interested in attending? Talk to FSUMC's Lay Delegate, Wanda Harris!

### For Youth & Children

#### NYAC SUMMER CAMPS

NYAC Summer Camp Program information is available at the church office for the following:

**Camp Altersgate - North Scituate, Rhode Island**

<http://www.campaldersgate.com>

**Epworth Center - High Falls, NY**

<http://www.epworthcenter.com/>

**Camp Quinipet—Shelter Island, New York** [www.quinipet.org](http://www.quinipet.org)

**Kingswood Campsite—Hancock, New York** [www.kwcamp.org](http://www.kwcamp.org)

#### Interfaith Cooperative Ministries: Interfaith Music Concert on June 5th

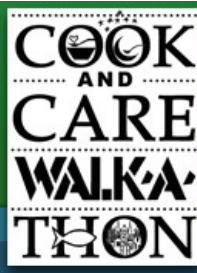
Interfaith Cooperative Ministries and Choir Director Nathan Bayreuther, Director of Music, First Congregational Church, Madison, are looking for singers to be a part of an interfaith community choir.

To volunteer, contact the ICM Office at 203-776-9526 or email them at [icmoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:icmoffice@yahoo.com).

Save the date for the concert!

### ABRAHAM'S TENT NEWS

Abraham's Tent Wrap-Up and Celebration and Volunteer Recognition. Thursday May 12, 2011 at 6:00pm at Unitarian Society of New Haven, All volunteers (yes, all!) are invited to attend. Please RSVP with Ad Tucker if you'd like to go. Thanks for all of your great work on Abe's Tent this year!



SAVE THE DATE:

Cook & Care

Walkathon

Sunday, October 16, 2011

[www.cookandcare.org](http://www.cookandcare.org)

Also the next DESK fundraiser is Sept. 11, BBQ at Lighthouse Point.

#### CELEBRATE HAITI

A Concert with Union Brothers Singers

Sunday, May 22nd  
time to be announced



First UMC Middletown, CT  
24 Old Church Street

## What's Happening at First and Summerfield UMC

**SUNDAYS:** Join us every Sunday at 10:00 am for our Weekly Worship Service, with Child Care;

**MONDAYS:** Pray for Peace at our Peace Vigil held at Noon

**1st TUESDAYS,** May 3rd, 5:30pm Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, 311 Temple St.

**EVERY TUESDAY,** Disciple 2 Bible Study, 7:05pm, Parlor

**THURSDAYS:** 7:15pm Choir rehearsal. Ring College Street Church Office buzzer to enter

### Dates to Remember

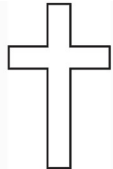
May 1	12pm Trustees Meeting, Parlor. Lunch provided.
May 2	6:30pm Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting, Parlor
May 15	2pm CT District Conference, 2pm, Prospect UMC, Bristol
May 18	7:05pm Finance Committee Meeting; 8pm Church Council Meeting, Parlor
May 21	9am-12pm Yard Work Day at FSUMC, Trinity Hall/Ramp walkway
May 30	Church Office closed, Memorial Day observance

### Laugh in Peace

Thursday, May 26, 7:30pm

Hamden Middle School 2623 Dixwell Avenue

\$25 before May20th; \$30 at the door



Featuring: Rabbi Bob Alper; Rev. Susan Sparks;  
and Azhar Usman

Proceeds benefit Christian Community Action: Call 203-777-7848x19



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diverse, and reconciling  
congregation.*

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