



# FIRST AND SUMMERFIELD CHURCH NEWS

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## First and Summerfield United Methodist Church

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### Message from the Pastor

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven...a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted” (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 2b). It’s September and that means it’s the season for planting new starts, new ministries, and revitalized outreach to our neighbors. So as we plant a new fall season in our worship, faith nurture programs and stewardship of the life of this community of faith, please consider these opportunities for growing a bountiful garden:

1. Keep up the good work on Sundays with meeting and greeting visitors. If you don’t know someone’s name, they probably don’t know yours either, so introduce yourself! Each week, invite a new-to-you person to join you for coffee at fel-

lowship hour. Most of us cherish a personal invitation, so offer one. It’s the best way to make new friends!

2. Our faith nurture program for children is held on Sundays, concurrently with worship. Faith nurture programs for adults are held on Sundays after worship and on Tuesday nights. Prayerfully consider joining in on one of these gatherings. You’ll learn something new about yourself, your brothers and sisters, and deepen your relationship with God in the process. We’ll keep things fun, engaging, and we’ll keep to our time limits, too.

3. Remember that stewardship is about being responsible with all of God’s good gifts. Not just money and finances, or managing the

church building, or recycling paper and plastic, stewardship is an ethic that guides our lives of faith. All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God. How is God calling you to share those precious gifts? Let’s keep asking ourselves this question, and together, we will build up a healthy, strong, and love-centered community of faith.

For everything there is a season. May this season be one of joy and hope, love and peace for us all. Peace,

~ Pastor Sara

**Thanks, FSUMC, for your contribution of \$445.00 to the UMC’s Peace with Justice Special Sunday offering this past June!**

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### September Meetings

- Wed Sept 1 - Trustees 6:30pm, Parlor
- Wed Sept 8 - Finance 7pm, Parlor
- Mon Sept 13 - SPR, 7pm, Parlor
- Wed Sept 22 - Church Council, 7pm, Parlor

### RESTORING THE POWER OF UNIONS IT TAKES A MOVEMENT

A new book by Julius G. Getman

*The labor movement is weak and divided. Some think it is dying. But in Restoring the Power of Unions preeminent labor scholar Julius Getman demonstrates by telling the story of Unite Here that a resurgent labor movement is possible.*

Meet the author of this book at a special book-signing event, to be held on Wednesday, Sept 15, 2010, 5:30pm, at First & Summerfield UMC.



### Tools for Ministering Effectively with Older Adults:

#### An educational session for clergy and lay leaders

Wednesday, Sept 22, 2010  
Wesley Heights Meeting Room  
580 Long Hill Ave, Shelton, CT

Panel presentations include:

- Options for Home and Community-Based Services*
- What to Look for in an Assisted Living Community?*
- What to Look for in a Nursing Home?*
- The Spiritual Dynamics of Aging*
- The Special Qualities of a Faith-Based, Not-For-Profit Organization*

To make a reservation or more details, please call 203-925-4952 or email Mary Ann Bradshaw at mabradshaw@umh.org by Wednesday Sept 15th.

### Slifka Center High Holiday Schedule at FSUMC

#### Rosh Hashanah

Wed Sept 8th 7:30pm-9:00pm  
Thurs Sept 9th 10:00am-1:00pm  
Children’s Service - 10:00am

#### Yom Kippur

Fri Sept 17th 6:45pm-8:15pm (Kol Nidre)  
Sat Sept 18th - 10:00am-12:30pm  
Children’s Service—10:00am  
Yizkor and Neilah 6:15pm-7:30pm

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS...

### Thanks for a great picnic!

Many thanks to **Membership & Evangelism** for hosting a great summer Church picnic on August 22<sup>nd</sup>! Gabby, Deb, Jean, Eloise, Betty, Kathy, and Scott got everything organized; Van staked out our pavilion early in the morning with permit in hand; and Walter, Crew and Dennis fired up the grills! The rain didn't scare us off, and we had a relaxing and enjoyable time of fellowship. We even did a little singing. Stay tuned for more fun, community building activities sponsored by Membership & Evangelism. - Chris Lamar-Sterling

### GREETINGS FROM FRIENDS

*"Howdy Church Friends, I just wanted to thank you all for making me feel welcome during my stay in New Haven..." from Ann Hamilton, who was a visiting scholar this summer, all the way from Sadler, TX. She even volunteered on one of our Summer Trustee Work Days!*

*"Hello, everyone!" from Fadoul, our former Sunday custodian. He stopped by the Office recently to say hello and to ask after everyone. He and his family are doing well and enjoying life in the Greater New Haven area.*



*Dear all, Your expressions of caring, love, and—well, you know. :) while I am mending mean so much to me and my family.*  
~ Eva Johnson

The Selden Family wishes to express a heartfelt thank you for the outpouring of support that we received from our FSUMC family during Deb's time in the hospital and prolonged recovery. We are blessed to have you in our lives and know that Deb's recovery was enhanced by your cards, visits, food and prayers!

Bless you all, Deb, Van, Kirk and Christopher

To the Clarkes and the whole church family,  
GOD'S SPIRIT SHINES THROUGH IN PEOPLE LIKE YOU

The whole Vaughn family would like to thank you for this gift. This gift is deeply appreciated and will get put to good use for Anthony's education. Again, we would like to thank the church and the Clarke Scholarship Fund for this generous gift.

God bless, Anthony Jr. & the Vaughn Family

### Summer Worship Thanks

We give thanks to all of the volunteers who provided leadership with worship this summer in a number of ways. We have a very talented congregation, indeed. Thank you so much, Maggie Carr (Certified Lay Speaker) and Scott McLean for preaching. We give thanks to Rev. John Carr for officiating communion on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We also heard from a few different folks for our children's messages, too. Many thanks to Lisa Brandes, Gabby Pianka, and Scott McLean. In addition, our worship leaders, ushers, and counting teams gave of their time and talents for our Sunday ministries. Thank you all for all that you give of yourselves to the glory of God through the ministries of our church.

— Pastor Sara

### FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK

**Fellowship Hour** starts up on September 12<sup>th</sup>. Our coordinator is Eloise Rentz. Thank you, Eloise! Please be in touch with her if you'd like to help. Consider donating items for hospitality time: cookies, pretzels, and fruit are easily prepared and served. We also serve coffee and tea, so donations of ground coffee, tea, sugar substitute and creamer are welcome. Bring donations to the kitchen on Sunday mornings, and help with set up before worship. Hospitality teams leave worship before the final hymn to get ready for fellowship time. Don't have your own FSUMC mug? You can purchase one for \$5!

And just a reminder: our hospitality schedule is alphabetical by last name.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month: Last names beginning with letters A-C

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month: Last names beginning with letters D-I

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month: Last names beginning with letters J-O

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: Last names beginning with letters P-Z

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: Open to all available volunteers



### MUSICAL NOTES

Many thanks to our guest musicians this summer: Joan Burns, Rev. Kristen Dunn, Bob Hancock, Pastor Sara, Tassoula Nicalaon, Eloise Rentz, Crew Smith, Michael Sullivan, Bob Hancock, Carl Puleo and Judy Castellano.

**Chancel Choir** rehearses on Thursdays at 7:15pm. Please come to the College Street door and ring the buzzer to enter. We rehearse in the Sanctuary, singers of all skill levels are welcome to

**From the desk of Trustees Chair:**

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE OUR SUMMER CLEAN-UP DAYS SUCCESSFUL:**

*Jean Ahern, Kirk Baird, Sandra Baird, Walter Boyd, Joan Burns, Michael Doheney, David Firestone, Bob Girard, Ann Hamilton, Wanda Harris, Jean Link, John Carr, Maggie Carr, Dennis Jones, Kathy Krebsler, Bob LaCamera, Scott McLean, Gabby Piana, Carl Puleo, Marion Sachdeva, Katie Salisbury, Van Selden, Crew Smith, and Pastor Sara.*

*Our accomplishments included: Fixing up & Painting the handicap bathroom near the Elm St. ramp; Putting up curtains in the basement bathroom at the bottom of the College St. entrance; Cutting down the ivy growing up the exterior walls; Cutting down the weeds and brush that had overtaken the Elm St. ramp; Cleaning all the windows in Trinity Hall and Church Office; Cleaning up and Painting around the kitchen sink area in Trinity Hall; Scrubbing out the refrigerator; Relocating storage cabinets in the basement; Cleaning floors and walls in the basement rooms; Cleaning all window blinds in the parlor; Organizing Sunday school supplies; Setting up the Nursery Room; Installing baby changing stations in two bathrooms; Organized Music files and relocated them to the balcony.*

*On behalf of Trustees, thank you so much for your great work! ~ Chris Lamar-Sterling*

**Usher & Worship Leader Training Day**



**Sept. 12 is Usher & Worship Leader** Training day, 11:30am-12:30pm, in the Sanctuary. Enjoy some time at fellowship hour, then return to the Sanctuary for a brief refresher on the ever-evolving duties of ushers and worship leaders. Want to sign up to usher or read scripture? Talk to Laurel Callens, [lynch4big@aol.com](mailto:lynch4big@aol.com), or Bob Hancock, [roberthancock1@excite.com](mailto:roberthancock1@excite.com). This training is for those who are new to these important duties and those who have been volunteering for a while.

**Sunday School**

**Sept. 5, 12-2pm**, Sunday school planning meeting for Sunday school volunteers and parents/guardians. We'll review our Safe Sanctuaries policy, plan the fall calendar, and decide on our curriculum plans. Food will be provided.



**Sept. 19 Sunday School** for elementary-aged children begins. Children stay for the first part of the worship service, then head to Sunday school after the Children's message. Special events this fall include Children's Sabbath celebration and Christmas Pageant. If you'd like to volunteer to be a Sunday school teacher, please contact Pastor Sara or Katie Salisbury, coordinator ([ksalisbu@gmail.com](mailto:ksalisbu@gmail.com)). Or, donate some healthy snacks for Sunday school: juice boxes (no high fructose corn syrup please), Goldfish crackers or Teddy Grahams are good options. Please avoid nuts, in case of allergies. Sunday School snack donations can be brought to worship and left in the food donation basket with a label that says "Sunday school". Thanks for your support!

**The Overseas Ministries Study Center** cordially invites you to a mission luncheon and seminar Monday, October 4th, from 10:00am to 3:30pm. Ellen Svea Swanson will present

**The Mary and William Scranton Saga: A Mother, Her Son, and Their Remarkable Legacy**

Space is limited. RSVP by Sept 27th. Contact Rev. Jin Bong Kim, OMSC, [kim@OSMC.org](mailto:kim@OSMC.org). (203) 821-1453  
490 Prospect St. New Haven, CT 06511 [www.omsc.org/korean.html](http://www.omsc.org/korean.html)

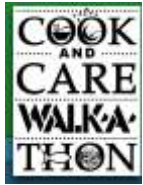


**Young Adult Sunday Brunches** will be scheduled soon for the fall. We gather for brunch at a local restaurant one Sunday a month for conversation, community, and to make some plans for other activities. Stay tuned, or add your name to the email list through the church office.

**Undergrads!** Want to get together with other undergrads for community, prayer, service and fun? Please talk to Pastor Sara. We are looking at Sunday nights as our get together time.



The church office hours will be back to regular schedule after Labor Day. Monday through Friday 2-5pm will resume on September 7th. The office will be closed on Friday Sept 3rd and Monday Sept 6th (in observance of Labor Day).



14th Annual  
**Cook & Care Walk-A-Thon**  
 Sunday October 17, 2010

For more information or to find out how YOU can help  
[www.cookandcare.org](http://www.cookandcare.org) or call 203-776-9526  
*A program of Interfaith Cooperative Ministries*

**NEW MEMBERS SUNDAY**

Our next New Members Sunday will be held on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at our 10am worship service. If you'd like to learn more about FSUMC and what it means to be a member of the UMC, please come to an information session on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am in the Parlor. Join the class and consider whether membership is the next step for you on your faith journey. Talk to Pastor Sara for more information.

**FIRST AND SUMMERFIELD:**

*"THANK YOU" from Rev. Carl Davis, Director of Development Reconciling Ministries Network "for being a safe space where lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people can share and be shared with, a place where they can be helped and can offer their help to others. Also, thank you for your congregation's recent gift of \$119.92 to Reconciling Ministries Network".*

**HAITI 2010 Early Response Teams: Schedule**

**Total cost \$1,100**  
 Application form available at [www.nyac.com](http://www.nyac.com)

**Travel Dates for 2010**  
 October 18-26 (10 persons max)  
 application deadline Sept 15

**Travel Dates for 2011**

- February 3 - 10
- March 8 - 15
- April 5 - 12
- May 6-13
- June 17-24
- July 18-25
- August 19-26
- September 16-23
- October 21 - 28

**Methodists In New Directions**

General Meeting on Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 3pm. Place TBA, but usually held in either White Plains or Manhattan. MIND is the reconciling organization of our annual conference, working for the full inclusion of LGBT people in the UMC.

In case you didn't know, or want to tell your friends...

*You can also*



See link on website [www.fsumc.org](http://www.fsumc.org) or look up First and Summerfield UMC at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com).  
 See you there!!!

It's Innisbrook Time! Our annual sale of Innisbrook holiday and special occasion, high quality wrapping paper (and some interesting holiday gifts) will begin in early September and continue until mid-October. This is one of the largest fund raisers of the church year. We invite all of you to participate by being a salesperson (to your family, friends and co-workers). When we receive sale catalogs in late August or very early September they will be available at the church for you to review. Bob La Camera is coordinator and easy instructions will be given to you who volunteer to be a seller. It is painless and the church benefits. ~ Bob LaCamera



**Welcoming the Sojourner  
 Where Faith and Immigration Intersect**

**Saturday  
 September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

10:00am – 2:00pm

**Hartford UMC**

571 Farmington ave  
 Hartford, CT

Come together to share experiences, have questions answered, and pray about:

The sources of global migration  
 Biblical and theological foundations of welcoming and caring for immigrants  
 The damage done by the current focus on raids, detentions, and deportations.  
 The burning need for just, humane, and comprehensive immigration Reform.

For more information, contact  
 Ximena Varar, [xvaras@gmail.com](mailto:xvaras@gmail.com)  
 203-278-1568 or  
 Rev. Hector Laporta [hlapo8@hotmail.com](mailto:hlapo8@hotmail.com)  
 New York Annual Conference  
 Task Force on Immigration



# Camp Meeting 2010

Friday - September 17  
 Saturday - September 18  
 Sunday - September 19  
 7 PM—9 PM

The United Methodist Church, Branford  
 811 East Main Street  
 Branford, CT  
[www.gbgm-umc.org/umcbranford/](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/umcbranford/) or 203 488-0549

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 for Today's People*



**The Rev. Joseph C. Chan:** Missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church assigned to Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

**The Rev. Kenneth Kieffer:** District Superintendent for the CT District of the United Methodist Church, NY Annual Conference.

**The Rev. Marjorie Elaine Nunes:** Pastor of Summerfield United Methodist Church in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

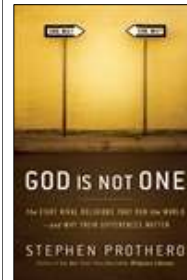


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 Clinton United Methodist Church: [www.clintonumc.org/](http://www.clintonumc.org/) 860 659-8396  
 Hamden Plains United Methodist Church: [www.gbgm-umc.org/hamdenplains/](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/hamdenplains/) 203 248-4654  
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 St. Andrews United Methodist Church: [www.stamc.wordpress.com/](http://www.stamc.wordpress.com/) 203 467-0117  
 United Church of Westville: [www.ucwestville.org/](http://www.ucwestville.org/) 203 387-1579  
 Faith United Methodist Church: [www.faithumcct.org](http://www.faithumcct.org) 203 239-2469  
 First & Wesley United Methodist: [www.gbgm-umc.org/fawumcwh/](http://www.gbgm-umc.org/fawumcwh/) 203 933-8795

**Sunday, Sept. 19**

## Hospitality at the Revival

We have been asked to provide finger foods for the hospitality time at the final night of the Camp Meeting revival. Please provide simple finger foods; beverages and paper goods will be provided by the host congregation, Branford UMC.



**Our August Summer Book Group** was a great way to learn from our reading and one another. We read Stephen Prothero's *God Is Not One*, a book about the 8 major world religions and

the differences between them. In light of the controversies swirling in Bridgeport as Muslims are harassed on their way to pray or in Manhattan as plans for an Islamic community center in lower Manhattan are protested, this look at just 3 (Islam, Buddhism, Yoruba) of the 8 major religions of the world came at a significant moment. Our nation's foundational claims of freedom of religion and the separation of church and state are being strained in many ways. Many thanks to Katie Salisbury for offering this book discussion.



## Fifth Annual Ride to End Hunger

**Sunday September 12, 2010**

**A motorcycle charity ride**

**To Benefit The Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, New Haven**

**REGISTRATION: 9:00 AM**

**Sunday, Sep 12, at Sports Haven (600 Long Wharf Drive, New Haven)**

**Music & FREE coffee & donuts!**

**START: 11:00 AM: Police-escorted 62 mile ride (rain or shine).**

**END: 1:00 AM Post-ride BBQ Lunch and Raffle: Lighthouse Point, Harbor Pavilion, New Haven, CT**

**ENTRY FEES: Single Rider: \$25; Double Rider: \$35;**

**Non-Rider: \$10 BBQ lunch**

**Entry fees include: BBQ lunch buffet/raffle & Ride Pin!**

**For more information: [www.RideToEndHunger.com](http://www.RideToEndHunger.com)**



**Sept 6th  
 is  
 Labor  
 Day**

### 2010 FSUMC Church Directory

The 2010 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.

## 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; Food pantry donations are received for DESK.

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

**1st TUESDAY,** 5:30pm Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen, 311 Temple St., 1st Tuesday of month, Sept 7.

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

### Dates to Remember

**Thurs Sept 1:** Trustees meeting, 6:30pm

**Sun Sept 5:** Sunday School Teachers meeting and Safe Sanctuaries review

**Mon Sept 6:** Labor Day - Church office will be closed.

**Tues Sept 7:** DESK Soup Kitchen 5:30pm

**Wed Sept 8:** Finance Meeting, 7pm

**Sun Sept 12:** Worship Leader Training, 11:30am after worship; 5th Annual Ride to End Hunger, 9am registration.

**Mon Sept 13:** SPR Meeting, 7pm

**Wed Sept 22:** Church Council, 7pm

**Sun Sept 26:** MIND Meeting, 3pm, Location TBA

SAVE THE DATES:

**Wed Nov 3:** Trustees meeting 6:30pm

**Wed Nov 10:** Finance Meeting, 7pm

**Mon Nov 15:** SPR Meeting, 7pm

**Charge Conference reports also due** for Conference Booklet. All Committees and Teams need to submit a concise and accurate account of the work of your group for the year 2010. Thanks! Please email your report to the Church Office.

**Tues Nov. 16:** Church Council meeting, 7pm

**Sat Nov. 20:** Hate Crimes Symposium, sponsored by Methodists In New Directions, Board of Church & Society—an Annual Conference-wide event. Place, tba.

**Thur Nov. 25:** Thanksgiving Day; Church office will be closed.

**Sun Nov. 28:** First Sunday of Advent

**Tues Nov. 30: Charge Conference with the District Superintendent.** All members of FSUMC are invited to attend.

**Sat Dec 4:** Labyrinth retreat day, FSUMC

**Sat Dec 11:** Blue Christmas Service, FSUMC

**Fri Dec 24:** Christmas Eve, 5pm Worship

**Sun Dec 26:** First Sunday of Christmas

**Fri Dec 31:** Watch Night Service

Are you planning a special day and need a special place?  
**Consider FIRST & SUMMERFIELD UMC for your event.**

FSUMC has been home to many weddings, concerts, and family gatherings. Let us help you coordinate the celebrations & blessings in your life.

Contact Mary Ann Fuentes at  
fsmethodist@sbcglobal.net,  
call the church office at 203-624-2521,  
or visit our website [www.fsumc.org](http://www.fsumc.org).



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**OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday through Friday

2:00pm - 5:00pm

The FSUMC Monthly Newsletter is now delivered via e-mail. The October 2010 Newsletter deadline is Sept 20th. Send all submissions or requests to be put on our E-letter to [fsmethodist@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fsmethodist@sbcglobal.net), or contact our office at 203-624-2521.