

# THE TOWER

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Autumn leaves, chilly weather, and a calendar full of events and opportunities await you this November to involve yourself in the life of our church family at Golden Hill. It's time to get out hats, scarves and gloves to prepare for the weather, but also time to reach out in many ways, large and small, to share our time, resources, and talents to serve others. Inside this issue of the Tower are articles describing how each of us can contribute to needs in our community and the world. Please note the music fundraiser for **Week-enders** Backpack program and **Christmas Baskets** preparation. These are also opportunities to invite other people from beyond our church into the fellowship and to join in as we love & serve others.

**Church Clean-up Work Day** needs volunteers for Nov 12 .See details on page 8. Building & Property work area are the sponsors. To be on time for worship, **Set Clocks Back** as Daylight Saving Time Ends November 6. Thanksgiving Service this year will be on Wednesday night , November 23rd at 7:00 pm.

## **The mission of the Golden Hill United Methodist Church,**

*a unique, diverse and dynamic Christian community, is to serve Christ in the city and the world through members who are ambassadors for Christ.*

### **GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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## **“Yale-In-Huntington” Lecture Series on Spirituality in Shelton**

Clergy and laity are invited to attend this exciting exploration of spirituality, which will be held at the Huntington United Methodist Church (338 Walnut Tree Hill Rd., Shelton, CT.) Lectures begin at 7 pm and conclude by 8 pm, followed by a reception until 8:30 pm. Registration is not required but is appreciated. Please contact Pastor Tim Hare via email at: [pastorhumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pastorhumc@sbcglobal.net).

The Yale in Huntington Lecture Series on Spirituality schedule is as follows:

Oct. 27: “Spirituality and the Divided Life: God’s Plurality and Our Own,” by Luke Moorhead, PhD Candidate in Theology, Yale University

Nov. 3: “Walk with the Spirit: St. Paul’s Vision for Eschatological Ethics,” by Dr. Jeremy Hultin, Associate Professor of New Testament, Yale Divinity School

Nov. 10: “Tending Living Goals: Theological Thoughts on Creativity for Everyday Life,” by Dr. Ed Waggoner, Lecturer at Yale Divinity School

Nov. 17: “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself: A Spirituality of Human Relationships,” by Natalia Maranduc, PhD Candidate in Theology, Yale University

# From the PC of Pastor B



Words are amazing things. They can hurt or heal, lift you up or put you down. Every week I put words to use in the art of writing and preaching sermons. I must admit I have a file of my favorite sermons. I call them the top ten. Yet as I review them from time to time I have discovered that the words I have used sometimes take on a different meaning.

Time and circumstances change and some of the sermons are now brand new. There are some words I don't like, especially when they are put together.

I am not fond of the word "no" or the phrase "we can't". Recently I had to remind myself that "with God all things are possible". Indeed, I look at life through glasses of possibilities. I'm reminded that I'm still on my journey.

In October I visited the Geraldine Johnson School and participated in the Bridgeport Read Aloud Day. I was assigned a first grade class and the story "Calvin Can't Fly" to read to the class. It was a wonderful experience seeing the children react to the story of a Starling who is a bookworm who finds himself in trouble when he can't join his family and friends to fly south away from the cold north weather. Calvin has spent so much time in the library that he never learned to fly. The story takes an interesting turn when his brothers and sisters realize that he is not with them. They collect strings

and old pieces of cloth and proceed to wrap them around Calvin. They lift him up and fly him south. There are obstacles on the way yet everyone sticks together. After weathering a major storm the birds celebrate that they are still alive and together. Calvin in his joy begins to jump up and down while flapping his wings and soon discovers that he can fly too.



The children got the moral of the story about helping others and learning how to fly to places via the wonder of reading. The children told me very personal stories about their lives. I identified with "Calvin" because I still am a book worm. However watching the children as they listened I could see their imaginations soaring. I took away more than I gave in the short time we had together. Children deserve our very best. They are not only our future, but also our present. So I wore the badge I was given that day proudly,

"I READ TODAY" at Bridgeport Read Aloud Day. It is always a blessing to touch the life of a child.  
*Pastor B*

*EDITOR'S NOTE:* Nine other Golden Hill members participated in Read Aloud Day in various Bridgeport schools.



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## Christmas Basket Food Donation Schedule

Sunday October 30	Peanut Butter & Jelly, Tuna, Soup, Monetary Donations
Sunday November 6	Rice, Pasta and Pasta Sauce, Black beans, Monetary Donations, Toys
Sunday November 13	Instant Mashed Potatoes, Dry Gravy Mix, Instant Stuffing Mix, Toys
Sunday November 20	Cereal, Juice Concentrate, Monetary Donations, Toys
Sunday November 27	Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Toys, Monetary Donations

Participate through your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness

## Christmas Baskets 2011 outreach is a collaborative effort

Dear Golden Hill Members and Friends,

Did you know that October 30 was PB&J Sunday, and also Soup and Tuna Sunday?



NO, IT CAN'T BE TRUE! BUT IT IS!!

Yes, we still have some warm, sunny days left, but it is true that the time has come to get started on Christmas Baskets. As many of you know, each year we prepare boxes with Christmas dinner and food for about a week (as well as a Bible) for 130 families, with new toys or other gifts for all children under 18.

This would not be possible without all the help we get from everyone in our Golden Hill community. Therefore we thought it would be helpful if we on the committee shared the way we make all this happen at such a busy time of year.

**Step 1.** By November 14 we have the names of all the families who will be receiving baskets. (All are referred by agencies and folks known to us at GHUMC)

**Step 2.** By December 4 all the toys and food YOU have donated need to have been brought to the church. We schedule different weeks, starting October 30, for the specific kinds of food needed, and these are listed by week at the end of this letter. We also will be requesting specific sizes for some of these items, which make it easier for us to sort and pack (see step 6). You will be hearing about the varied food needs during mission minutes this month and see the list in the Grace Notes. For types of toys needed, please see Becki Anderson. Also, we need your help to sort the food collected each of those weeks. Please speak to Sonya Green about how you can help.

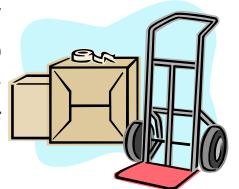
**Step 3.** By December 10 all toys will be assigned specifically to the children who will receive them.

**Step 4.** On the evening of December 12 we need YOU to be one of Santa's elves by helping to wrap the toys.

**Step 5.** From December 5-9, shoppers will buy items needed to complete the baskets after your food donations have been counted.

**Step 6.** (a) On December 16 we will arrange food items on the tables in Locke Hall so they will be ready for the next day, Saturday December 17 {Step 6 (b)} when we again need Your help to pack the food boxes ready for distribution.

**Step 7.** On Sunday December 18, we need YOU to imitate the *three kings* by helping to deliver our gift of boxes to the homes of those unable to get to Golden Hill.



FOR MANY OF US AND OUR GUESTS THIS TRULY FEELS LIKE CHRISTMAS DAY!!

As you pack food items to donate please keep in mind that although outdated items and dented cans are less expensive and would seem a wise use of funds, we do not fill gift baskets with anything we ourselves would not use as gifts or for our own use. All toys and food need to be brought to church by December 5th. WHY? Steps 3-5.

You are truly amazing people and your efforts each year are greatly appreciated. THANK YOU and GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

*Christmas Basket Committee*

# Rose Window Stewardship Campaign Continues

Now that the Stewardship pledges have been completed you are reminded that the **Rose Window Campaign** will continue until December 2012. This campaign is to financially assist in the second phase of the Golden Hill UMC stained glass window restoration.

This phase, which should start some time in 2012, is for the restoration and refurbishing of the Rose Stained Glass Window above the balcony. The cost to remove, revitalize, clean and re-install this stained glass window will be approximately \$40,000.00. So far we are 1/4 of the way to this goal with over \$10,000.00 contributed to this campaign. You'll be able to keep track of the monthly totals on the board in the Narthex.

There will be four categories of donations (gifts) for this campaign for the restoration of the Rose Stained Glass Window, Bronze - \$350, Silver - \$750 (2 names), Gold - \$1500 (3 names) and

Platinum –\$3000 and up (5 names). There will be a plaque in the configuration of the Rose Stained Glass Window engraved with the list of names and gift level of each donor, installed in the Narthex. This campaign began in April and will last until we reach our goal of \$40,000.00 or December 2012. We will be asking for donations with the hope the church will remember that our financial gifts reflect a measure of the grace and blessings God has shared with us. More details about this campaign will be inserted into the Easter bulletin.

*Allen Corry, Stewardship Chair*

*All good gifts around us,  
are blessed by heaven  
above, so thank the Lord,  
thank the Lord for all his love.*



## Poinsettia & Holiday Greens at Golden Hill

### Deck the Halls at Advent to Honor or in Memory of Family & Friends

Counting down the days to the start of Advent and Christmas, we remind you that we want to adorn our church with beautiful poinsettia, wreaths and greens for the season. If you would like to be part of this, please complete the form below with the name(s), in memory or in honor of someone you know and return it to Ruth Hurd with the specified amount you want to give. Suggested donation is \$30, however, any amount (more or less) will be accepted. Please call Ruth Hurd with any questions at (203) 929-0292 or see her at church.



### Christmas Flowers & Greens Donation

In Memory / In Honor of (circle one)

\_\_\_\_\_   
*(Name of person(s) remembered or honored)*

Donated by \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: \$30

Deadline: December 11, 2011

Please print all information exactly as you wish it to appear and return to the church office or Ruth Hurd.



♪ Golden Hill Music Notes ♪

Music Ministries for November

Rehearsal Times

Tuesdays

2:30 p.m. Handbell Choir

Wednesdays

7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

Sundays

12:00 p.m. Gospel Praise Choir

12:30 p.m. Steel Drum Band

4:30 p.m. Steel Drum Small Ensemble

5:30 p.m. Liturgical Dance



Starting November 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00-12:30 on Sundays and 7:30-8:00 on Wednesdays, anyone who would like to join the choir for Christmas is welcome to come rehearse the four anthems we are planning to sing Christmas Eve. All are welcome, especially male voices.

The steel drum band will be participating in the interfaith thanksgiving service being held at United Congregational Church (see page 9).

**DECEMBER "TOWER" DEADLINE**

Our submission deadline for the December issue of *The Tower* newsletter will be November 15. Please include your name and committee or organization with your submission. Please submit your articles via email to: [tower@goldenhill.org](mailto:tower@goldenhill.org) or place in the blue folder in the church office.

**GOLDEN HILL ADMINISTRIVIA**

The office phone number is **203-336-0152**;

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**HOW TO REACH US ONLINE!!**

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**Church Office** [office@goldenhill.org](mailto:office@goldenhill.org)

**The Tower** [tower@goldenhill.org](mailto:tower@goldenhill.org)



**Behind the Scenes at Golden Hill  
Teller Volunteers Needed**

We are blessed by volunteers who take on tasks at Golden Hill to keep things running smoothly. Often we do not see the work they do or when they do it, or know how it benefits our church.

Our weekly Grace Notes lists those who serve each week as tellers on Sunday morning who count the monies from the offering plate, and tally the results for financial reporting. We are in need of additional volunteers to serve as Tellers. If you want to know more about being a teller, please contact Roland Wright.

**TELLER COMMITMENTS**

- DEDICATION
- ATTENTION TO DETAIL
- HONESTY
- INTEGRITY
- AVAILABILITY
- COMRADERIE
- HALF AN HOUR COMMITMENT



Thanks to you all!

God Bless, *Roland Wright*

**Golden Hill  
United Methodist  
Youth Fellowship**



**For all youth entering grades 7 through 12!**

The United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) is open to all young people entering grades 7 through 12. UMYF meets at the church each Sunday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you've never come down to check it out, plan on it now. If you've been coming to every meeting since your first, just mark your calendar.

To learn more, speak with Melodye Merola or current UMYF President Akailia Chambers.

To see the church calendar, view photos, read the Tower newsletter and Grace Notes online, check out our church website at:  
[www.goldenhill.org](http://www.goldenhill.org)

# Feed The Kids Coffeehouse And CD Release Party

Please join us for an evening of music to raise food and funds for the “Weekenders” backpack program, which provides food every week-end of the school year for public school students in Bridgeport whose families lack enough to eat.



**Saturday, November 5 at 7 p.m.**  
**Golden Hill United Methodist Church**  
 Elm, Lafayette and Golden Hill Streets,  
 Bridgeport, CT



Dave Gregorio will play original songs from his new CD, “Soul Alive” along with members of The Neediest (Tony Silber, Tony Cabral and Tony Spinelli). Proceeds from CD sales will benefit Weekenders.

The Valley Kats (Lys Guillorn and Ken Dixon) will perform folk, bluegrass and original tunes with a Housatonic River flavor.

Pat Quinn will play original songs and chestnuts from Bob Dylan, Neil Young and other greats.



**ADMISSION:** Bring a donation of food or cash for the “Weekenders” backpack program. Food items needed include: 5-6 oz. cans or pouches of tuna; boxes of macaroni and cheese; individual servings of applesauce, hot and cold cereal; Vienna sausage, 6-oz. juice boxes.



The CD “Soul Alive: An acoustic set by Dave Gregorio” will be available for a \$5 donation to Weekenders.

# CHURCH CALENDAR

- Nov 2 Community Supper, 5:00 pm  
Taize worship service, 6:30 pm
- Nov 5 CD Release Party to Benefit Weekenders  
7 pm, Locke Hall
- Nov 6 **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS**  
Worship Services  
8:30 am (Chapel) and  
10:30 AM (Sanctuary)
- Nov 7 Stewardship, 6:30 pm  
Building & Property, 7:30 pm
- Nov 8 SPRC, 7:30 pm
- Nov 9 Community Supper, 5:00 pm  
Taize worship service, 6:30 pm
- Nov 12 *Church Clean up Work Day*, 9 am - 1 pm
- Nov 13 Worship Services  
8:30 am (Chapel) and  
10:30 AM (Sanctuary)  
Tracing Our Roots study group, 7 pm
- Nov 15 Finance
- Nov 16 Community Supper, 5:00 pm  
Taize worship service, 6:30 pm
- Nov 17 Trustees  
GBCMC Thanksgiving Dinner  
Home meeting 7 pm Stinson's
- Nov 20 Worship Services  
8:30 am (Chapel) and  
10:30 AM (Sanctuary)  
Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 7 pm at  
United Congregational Church
- Nov 22 Church Council
- Nov 23 Community Supper, 5:00 pm  
No Taize worship service  
Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 7:00 pm
- Nov 24 **THANKSGIVING DAY**  
Church Office Closed
- Nov 25 Young Glory Singers Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Nov 27 Worship Services  
8:30 am (Chapel) and  
10:30 AM (Sanctuary)

Nov 30 Community Supper, 5:00 pm  
Taize worship service, 6:30 pm

## Children's Book Corner

Our monthly book recommendations are contributed by Becki Anderson, a Golden Hill member who is a school librarian.



*I Broke My Trunk!*, by Mo Willems. Preschool-Grade 1. Gerald (the elephant) tells his friend Piggy the long and crazy story about how her broke his trunk.

*When You Reach Me*, by Rebecca Stead. Grades 4-6. When Miranda is in sixth grade, strange things begin to happen, including receiving notes that contain information that no one else should know and which contain clues that lead her to believe she is the only one who can prevent a tragic death.

*Midwives*, by Chris Bohjalian. Grade 10-Adult. One icy winter night, Sibyl (an experienced midwife) is at a home to deliver a baby with the birth goes terribly wrong and suddenly Sibyl being accused of murder.

### BRIDGEPORT IS NOW RECYCLING PAPER

There is a recycling Bin in the church Narthex upstairs. Please deposit your used bulletin in the bin so it can be recycled. We appreciate your help in this effort.

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## A message from Staff Parish Relations: Our Partnership with the Pastor

### Can you believe that it's been four months since Pastor Barton started his ministry at Golden Hill?

Your special Golden Hill welcome and acts of kindness have helped him adjust in a relatively short time. With his engaging personality, it gives the appearance that Pastor Barton has been with us much longer.

Having said that, Pastor Barton will need more time to get to know each of us, to understand the needs of the church and to provide us the type of leadership required for a successful ministry. Here is what the Staff Parish Relationship is doing to facilitate that:

- Monthly Staff Parish Relations meetings with Pastor Barton to identify what resources and support are needed for the pastor and staff
- Home gatherings for the ministry team lead and congregation to get to know the pastor and share conversations, stories and each other's vision of ministry at Golden Hill
  - ◆ October 24th – meeting with the ministry team chairpersons at the Parsonage
  - ◆ November 17th at 7 pm, Stratford home of the Rev. Jim Stinson and Barbara Stinson

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### Fall Work Day Volunteers Needed

Mark your calendars to join us at Golden Hill for the annual Fall Clean up Work Day on Saturday, November 12. The work day hours are 9 am until 1 pm and all may "*come when they can and leave when they must*".

Come join us in this opportunity to serve the church and to share in fellowship with others. Whatever your skills, there will be some task where you are needed.



*Phil Philbrick*, Building & Properties

◆ January TBD – Golden Hill

- Annual evaluation of the church's ministry requested by the Conference will be used as a tool to identify the areas of ministry that can be improved

As members and friends of Golden Hill, you play an important role in the success of our ministry. Pastor Barton reminded us a few Sundays ago in his message about the greatest of the Ten Commandments to "Love the Lord our God... and our neighbors as ourselves". If we make that commitment to love and serve the Lord, with one accord we can fulfill God's work through our involvement in the church. Here are some of the many things you can do.

- Pray daily for Golden Hill, the pastor, staff and leaders
- Wear a name tag on Sunday to help Pastor Barton and others get to know you
- Attend worship regularly and participate in the ministry of the church
- Pastor Barton was called to serve and lead Golden Hill, however the Lord did not place all the work upon his shoulders and those of a few people - be willing to serve on committees and volunteer to use the many gifts that the Lord has blessed you with to do His work
- Take ownership and responsibility for the growth of the church and help Pastor Barton lead us to great things in the coming years
- Continue to support Golden Hill through your stewardship of financial giving, so we can continue to maintain the church and change lives

May we continue to encourage and support each other, as we work together to make disciples of Christ in this community and the world.

*Opal M. Crosdale*,  
Staff Parish Relations Committee

## News & Notes from the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport

The 28<sup>th</sup> edition of our annual Holiday fundraiser, "The Angel Giving Guide," should arrive soon.



Those on our mailing list will receive a copy in the mail. Others may obtain one on-line at [www.ccgb.org](http://www.ccgb.org); through local congregations; or by emailing or phoning [pattyjensen@ccgb.org](mailto:pattyjensen@ccgb.org) or 334-1121, ext.

243. This is a great vehicle for showing appreciation for the Angels in your life this holiday season! A Bridgeport doctor uses the Tribute gift option to honor colleagues. Realtors in a Fairfield office make a communal gift. Area congregations honor their pastors; a businessman does the same for his staff. A family uses "Angel" notes as stocking stuffers ~ there are many ways to sow seeds! Those you name receive a note telling them that **you** think **they** are "An Angel!" Inside the note will be an "angel ornament" for holiday display made of seeded paper that, when planted in the spring, will grow beautiful wildflowers. This inexpensive token reminds donors and honorees of the abundant harvest promised by the apostle: "...the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." (2 Corinthians 9:6)

### Project Learn: *Turning Students into Scholars*

The Jill Chase Dance Studio will present a dance recital to benefit Project Learn on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 4070 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, 06604. Doors open at 11 am. Call Sean Campbell at 334.1121 x 244 or [seancampbell@ccgb.org](mailto:seancampbell@ccgb.org) for information.

### Janus Center: *Caring for Youth in Crisis*

The Janus Center is seeking to recruit two additional community Host Homes for the purpose increasing the capacity of the number of youth who will benefit from this service. A Host Home is a family, household or individual who voluntarily opens its home for a youth between the ages of 11-17 years old who is in need of temporary shelter, board and care. They offer the youth a stable and caring environment and provide him/her with a constructive and consistent living situation. . If you would like to know more information, please contact Dale Holder, Janus Center Program Director, at 203 367-8441 x 221 or [daleholder@ccgb.org](mailto:daleholder@ccgb.org) .

### CO-OP Center: *Creating Second Chances*

Anthony Smith was honored at the CO-OP Center Client Recognition Award event at First Church Congregational during the Board of Directors' meeting on October 6. According to staff at **Isaiah 61:1**, where Mr. Smith lives, "Anthony is dedicated, faithful, hardworking and focused on his goal to take care of himself, family, and to never return to prison". Anthony is also enrolled at Housatonic Community College and is pursuing a Human Services degree. Despite Anthony's transition from incarceration to the community, he has managed to work hard, stay positive and save a substantial amount of money within four months. Anthony is a great example of how individual determination to become self-sufficient, with help from community collaborations, can result in SUCCESS. Congratulations!

Would your congregation be willing to collect hygiene supplies twice a year for CO-OP Center clients? CO-OP Center also welcomes your donation of a gently used warm winter coat for men during the months of November and December. We prefer men's coats in sizes L, XL, and XXL. If so, please contact Dan Braccio, CO-OP Center Program Director, at 203 367-8441 x 231 or [danbraccio@ccgb.org](mailto:danbraccio@ccgb.org). Thank you.

**Please save these dates: Sunday, November 20, 2011; 7 p.m.: Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration** at United Congregational Church, 877 Park Avenue (at State Street), Bridgeport, 06604. Music for choirs and congregation; dance; and sacred writings; all from Jewish, Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Buddhist traditions. Food drive and offering for "Feel the Warmth" food ministry at United. **January 22, 2012, Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** ecumenical worship, St. John's Episcopal Church, 768 Fairfield Avenue, Bridgeport, 06604. Featured speaker will be the Rev. David Spollett of First Church, Congregational, Fairfield. **March 2, 2012 ~ CCGB's Spring Fling** fundraiser at the Downtown Cabaret Theatre will be an Elton John and Billy Joel tribute featuring the songs of these legendary performers! Details to follow in December.



## Children are invited to join us Sundays for LIVE B.I.G.

As many of you may already know there are a few changes in our Sunday School format.

- ◆ Sunday School is held during the 10:30 worship service.
- ◆ Sunday School grades are Kindergarten through 7th.
- ◆ Your child needs to be dismissed after "Time for Young Christians" and during the Ritual of Friendship.
- ◆ There will be No Sunday School on the last Sunday of each month. The children will take part in the church service.

The curriculum we are using is called "Live B.I.G" this curriculum is held in a one room school house format, students are taught together and by grade level. Students learn about the love of God through Jesus. They also learn about important people in the Bible through music, art, group discussions, imagination, food, hands-on activities, worship and prayer. This curriculum helps your child grow as a child of God. They also learn to make connections with what they are learning and their everyday life. Thank you all for your love and support.

In Peace & Love

Golden Hill United Methodist Church  
Sunday School Staff



## Weekenders Backpack Action

When we started filling backpacks in September, Pat Booker, who coordinates the program at Longfellow School, told me there were students asking her on the first day of school, when could they have a backpack? Weekenders definitely fills a need for the 50 children we serve and their families. Your help is appreciated.

Fall is a busy time for all of us, but we all find time to go grocery shopping! Please keep the Weekenders program in your thoughts and prayers, and if you see a good sale for individually packaged and kid-friendly foods, we accept donations gratefully! Again this year we have a few children reporting food allergies, so be on the lookout for foods without nuts, dairy products, shrimp, strawberries and watermelon.

For a list of food items, sizes and quantities which are needed for Weekenders Backpacks, please take note of the new grocery lists on our church bulletin boards and our church website at: [www.goldenhill.org](http://www.goldenhill.org)



If you'd like to be a Weekenders shopper, using money from donations the church has received, that would be great. If you can help in this way, please contact Mary Agostino

In October we welcomed some new Golden Hillers as packers of backpacks. Some people may pack regularly, while others can fill in when there is a need. Welcome to these good ladies. We now have two packing teams here at church, alternating weeks.

Last year's volunteer packers from Joel Barlow High School graduated in June. We wish them well and thank them for their help during the 2010-2011 school year!



As always, the United Methodist Women's Unit at Golden Hill thanks you for supporting the Weekenders ministry.

Mary Agostino, Golden Hill UMW