

THIS WEEK AT GOLDEN HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, August 9, 2020
~ 10th Sunday After Pentecost ~



GHUMC'S Vision Statement:

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

Sunday Worship Experience - Let us gather and worship the Lord together!

Scripture Readings: Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b, Matthew 14:22-33

9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School – (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

10:45 A.M. Sunday Worship Experience

You are invited to join us prior to Worship Service on ZOOM -
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82200033620?pwd=dm8rWW5neXRDRkl2alNVYk84WUpRdz09>
this Sunday at 10:25 for a special worship prelude of videos and sounds from YouTube.
You may also dial into the Zoom Conference Call at +1 (646) 558-8656
using Webinar ID 822 0003 3620# and Webinar Password 210.

(For Dial In - put in Webinar ID, hit Pound# and join as an Attendee. To ensure a clear audio experience for everyone, phones will automatically be muted as you join the Webinar.)

Ministry Opportunities This Week: August 9th – August 15th

Sunday 9:30 A.M. Adult Sunday School - (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

10:45 A.M. Sunday Worship Service - Zoom
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12.30 P.M. Virtual Coffee Hour – Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7016290965?pwd=Y0tQb2l0RGJYblRFYWRqaXk0TGZYvdz09>
Dial In: +1 (646) 558-8656
Meeting ID: 701 629 0965#
Password: 210

Monday 7:30 A.M. Daily Inspiration – (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

12:00 Noon Daily Inspiration - (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

Tuesday 7:30 A.M. Daily Inspiration – (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

12:00 Noon Daily Inspiration - (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

7:30 P.M. Virtual Covenant Group
(Your Advisor will provide the link)

Wednesday 7:30 A.M. Daily Inspiration – (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

12 Noon Daily Inspiration - (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

5:00 P.M. Community Supper (Take-out Dinner)

Thursday 7:30 A.M. Daily Inspiration – (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

12 Noon Daily Inspiration - (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

Friday 7:30 A.M. Daily Inspiration – (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

12 Noon Daily Inspiration- (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

Saturday 8:30 A.M. Covenant Group – Beth Collins (605) 475-4756
(Access Code: 899169)

(All meetings and groups will occur via ZOOM video conferencing and Conference call. Your ministry leader will contact you with the needed information.)

~Grace Notes~

Sunday Worship Experiences: All worship information will be sent to you in a separate email. It will entail all needed information to access the Webinar as an attendee along with your worship bulletin.

Virtual Coffee Hour: Join us on Zoom for virtual coffee hour so we can do some catching up with one another! After Sunday's worship service log out of Zoom and then log back in at 12:30; bring some food and a beverage. All are welcome, so I hope to see you there!

Special GHUMC Zoom Link Recording of last Sunday's Service: If you missed last Sunday's (8/2/20) Worship Service follow this link to view it on Zoom –

- https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/_OVLD5D1yG1LeIXi-HjDSqh4Abbgaaa8gHcc8_sNykZywMwCZnRG3QyOjZr8eFH

Prayer Chain: If you or anyone you know of is in need of prayer, please reach out to us at outreach@goldenhill.org.

Adult Study: We are now reading “Community, Summer 2020” for Adult Study. If you would like to join it is held weekly on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in a conference call by dialing (605) 475-4756 code: 899169. Please contact the group leader Pam Kurimai or the church office at office@goldenhill.org or call (203) 336-0152 to join. This is a great opportunity for you to invite others to attend the study with you.

Covenant Groups: Are continuing to meet regularly; please consider joining a group to explore and develop your spirituality. We realize that no one can attend a session every week, but if you can commit to 2 or 3 sessions per month, you and the other members of the group will benefit from your participation.

Groups meet:

Saturdays	8:30 a.m. (605) 475-4756	Leader Beth Collins
	Access Code: 899169	
Tuesdays	7:30 p.m. Virtual group	Leader Jane Wakeman
	(Your advisor will provide the link)	

Daily Inspiration: You are invited to join us daily at 7:30 a.m. and 12 noon to listen to a brief devotional message, scripture reading and prayer from the Upper Room series. Call from any phone **(605) 475-4756**; listen for the instructions to enter the **pass code - 899169** and then the pound # sign. To ensure a clear audio experience for everyone, please put your phone on **mute**. If you do not have a mute feature, please call from a quiet location with no background noise like pets, TV or people talking. You can conference call in if you are interested in being a reader, please contact Beth Collins at (203) 521-1467.

Shower Ministry Hosts needed for Fall: Are you able to volunteer as a Shower Ministry Host on Wednesdays 2pm - 5pm? Golden Hill's Shower Ministry is in need of hosts as we plan to resume offering weekly showers in the fall. The Methodist Church's current guidance requires during the time of COVID19, hosts must not be part of any vulnerable health population which includes those 65 years of age and older. This new health guidance means we do not currently have any persons available for this important ministry to our community. Would you consider helping in this ministry or helping us identify a friend of Golden Hill who would like to serve on a weekly, monthly or as needed basis? We are seeking four regular people serving as hosts – one for each week - 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays. When there is a 5th Wednesday, we often can use an alternate host. Responsibilities include: welcoming one shower guest at a time, asking health questions and using an infra-red temperature thermometer, having the guest sign in with contact information (phone or email), distribute (church supplied) toiletries, t-shirt, underwear and socks as needed and escort the guest to the shower area. After showering the guest will exit the building. Previously, shower guests could remain in the building until the time of Community Supper. Golden Hill will provide masks and disposable gloves for all Shower Hosts. Thank you for your consideration and ongoing prayerful support of this important outreach ministry. Please contact Melodye Merola, Director of Outreach for more information.

Tithes and Offerings: These are critical and important times in the life of the church and world. We recognize that for many, these times are challenging. As you are able, we invite you to mail in your check for your tithes and offerings to:

**Golden Hill United Methodist Church
210 Elm Street
Bridgeport, CT 06604**

Online Giving - As the situation around COVID-19 continues to evolve, we want to provide a new opportunity for you to give electronically. We have decided to use Vanco Payment Solutions which is a partner of the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA). By using Vanco, it will allow us to easily link your church donations into the giving platform, Servant Keeper.

What is the cost to the church?

The cost is 1% for a direct ACH transfer from a checking account and 2.75% for using a debit or credit card.

This new system is now up and running, you can use the link below to give your tithes and offering or make a donation. It can also be accessed from our website at www.goldenhill.org:

[Golden Hill e-giving link](#)

Your financial gifts help us continue to engage in ministry and care for our church. We are grateful for your continual support of our church's ministry.

Please share any feedback you have with the process at egiving@goldenhill.org.

Finishing the Photo Directory: Greetings Golden Hill Family! Thank you to everyone who took your photos last Fall. Although the desire was to complete the project by December of last year, we noticed that many members of our church family had not taken photos. We were working to solidify a plan to make up the photo sessions when the Holidays hit, Pastor Tisha was out for surgery and then the pandemic. It was literally the perfect storm. However, we have worked with Lifetouch and secured time to complete the photo directory. We have secured **October 27, 2020** for the next photo session. If you still need to be photographed, please save this date; the registration will open in August - Date to be determined.

Worship Attendance for last Sunday Service, August 2nd: 42*

August 1st: 8:30 am Covenant Group: 5

August 2nd: Adult Sunday School: 4

August 5th: Community Supper: 45

(*Zoom Attendance based on number of log in phone numbers and emails)

Children's Messages: We are looking for volunteers to record Children's Messages in their own homes for inclusion in Sunday Worship Services. Presenters may be parents with their children, adults or youth who enjoy preparing Children's Messages. If you are interested, please contact the Church Office at (203)336-0152 for more information.

Face Masks: If you are in need of a face mask please contact the church office.

Report from the Reopening Committee: Bishop Bickerton and the NYAC have issued guidelines for reopening the sanctuary for worship, which are summarized below. After discussing these, the committee realized that we cannot safely open the sanctuary to worship during the summer months because the fans which are essential for cooling the sanctuary will stir up any virus or other germs in the space. Thank you for your responses, which helped guide our plans for moving forward.

For now, we are considering the possibility of some form of outdoor gathering, which will respect social distancing.

Guidelines for reopening the sanctuary include:

- Attendance limited to 50 participants at any 1 service. If there is more than 1 service, the sanctuary must be cleaned completely between services
- Individuals over age 65 or who have chronic conditions should not attend.
- Worshipers must observe social distancing, sitting in every other pew and staying 6 feet apart. Families who live in the same household may sit together. Children must stay with their parents throughout the service. There will be no Passing of the Peace, offering collections, ushering or greeters, or receiving lines. There will be no printed materials, and Bibles and Hymnals will be removed from the sanctuary. Only pre-packaged communion sets may be used.
- All worshipers will wear cloth masks unless they have medical exemptions.
- There will be no choirs or singing by the congregation. Soloists are allowed if observing social distancing. There will be no sharing of microphones.
- We will continue our discussions looking at the possibility of reopening the sanctuary in the Fall when we no longer need fans in the sanctuary.
- We welcome your suggestions. Please keep the committee, the Pastor and Church Staff in your prayers.

Grace, Hope & Love Encouragement Ministry: Let us find ways to give grace, share hope, and extend love during these times.

Call and Connect - Are you willing to help us call and connect with your GHUMC Brothers and Sisters in Christ? Members of this ministry will call to check in with you and your family. If you are interested, in being a part of this ministry, please contact Beth Collins.

Helping Hands - Are you in need of assistance? Are you willing to shop or pick up medicine for our elderly and sick or shut in? If so, please contact Melodye Merola.

Please Remember in Prayer...

Recovering: Shirley Kerr is recovering from surgery at St. Vincent's Medical Center.

Healing Prayers: Ainsley Lobban and Jude (Good friend of Rev. Tom and Wendy Vencuss) who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 pancreatic cancer.

Health Concerns: David Blango, Ina Rockhead (Louise Crosbie's friend) Ullie Drew, Anthony Nah, Linda Deible and James Fykes, Jr., (Sonya Green's cousin) who is in the hospital in New Jersey with COVID-19, not doing well.

Recovering at home: Karen (Sonya Green's sister), Cheyenne Blake, Louise Crosbie, Denise Fullerton, Jean Curtin, Patricia Green (sister of Carolyn Baker), Pat Longway's Aunt Marie, Alan Offeney, Icyline Satchwell, Dianne Severance and Rev. Jim Stinson.

Undergoing treatment: Wanda Huff in Jamaica.

Under Doctors Care: Margie Betts, Carlton Johnson, Ruth Jara (friend of Margie Betts), Kathleen Kelly (friend of Margie Betts), Helen Kucsma (friend of Margie Betts), Thomas Coble (son-in-law of Elene Crosby), Lucille McLachlan (Jenny's mother), Olivia Walter (Pastor Tisha's aunt) - who is experiencing kidney failure.

General Prayer Concerns: Frank (husband of friend of Margie Betts)

Homebound Members: Jean Curtin

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED, please list your church affiliation as Golden Hill United Methodist and notify the church office.

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Wednesday, 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Thursday, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Friday, 9:00 am to 11:00 am

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