



New Covenant UMC Newsletter

March 2021

Words from Pastor Althea V Jackson

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Dear friends and family,

By now you have begun your Lenten journey. Here are some encouraging prayers from your sister in Christ on your behalf:

I pray that you will be honest with yourself. You know where the growing edges are.

I pray that you will be honest with your Creator and Savior.

I pray that you will let his healing forgiveness bind up the wounds. In your spirit and soul and mind.

I pray that you will take this time to strengthen the relationship between you and the Savior so that you know without a doubt that you are cherished significant valued and loved.

I pray that you will keep your heart sensitive to God's leadings.

I pray that you grow in the knowledge that Jesus Christ provides all of your needs according to his riches and glory.

I pray that you come to understand God's will for your life and that you will pursue it with a passion.

I pray that God open your eyes to see God's grace working through your life doing lent and beyond.

More than anything else my dear brothers and sisters in Christ; my prayer for you is that you prosper in body, mind, heart, soul. and spirit. I pray that you know the depths of the love that Christ has for you and that it brings you comfort when it's needed the most.

God bless you in this Lenten season with insight, understanding, and compassion.

Lenten blessings,

Pastor Althea



Wednesday Lenten Series on Zoom at 5 pm. Learn about some of the people who walked with Jesus.

Holy Week



Palm Sunday March 28, 2021 Palm Crosses will be available at the church beginning Thursday March 25. Worship 10am on Zoom

Holy Thursday April 1, 2021 Service information to be announced

Good Friday April 2, 2021 Service information to be announced

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021 Worship 10 am

Come Worship With Us!



Food Programs

New Covenant UMC Community Meals program served 740 "Grab and Go" dinners on Tuesdays and Thursdays last month!



Senior Food boxes! We serve 143 households with this monthly program!

Volunteers are needed for both programs! Please contact Rosemary Bottum via the church office phone (860 528-2228) to see how you can help. Thank you!

Finance Corner

Luke 14:28-30

For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish—lest after he has laid the foundation is not able to finish.

In 2012, the church held a church conference about the renovations to be done to the church building and how to pay for them. It was voted that the church get a mortgage to pay for the renovations and that the congregation was backing this and would donate to pay the mortgage. We counted the cost and agreed to move forward and take out a mortgage. We have a 30 year mortgage for 300,000.00 which is approximately 1,800.00 a month

We are not receiving enough into the building fund to cover our mortgage..

Please prayerfully consider contributing to the building fund so we can pay our mortgage.

Thank you

Diane Rousseau, Chair of Finance.

Reopening Task Force Update

In person outdoor worship services are being planned for when East Hartford's Covid-19 alert status is in the **Orange Zone**. More information will be provided in the future. Zoom services will continue to be offered for those who choose not to attend an in-person service.



Pastor Althea ready to provide ashes on Ash Tuesday

Drive-Thru Communion

The First Tuesday of every month, Pastor Althea will be offering communion in the parking lot at the church from 4:30pm to 5:30pm.

CALENDAR

ZOOM LINKS	
Sunday Worship	Sunday Worship 10am on Zoom weekly
https://zoom.us/j/94840127856	
For audio only, Dial 1 929 205 6099	Tuesday Mar 2 4:30 pm Drive-Thru Communion
Meeting ID: 948 4012 7856	Wednesday 5pm Lenten Series on Zoom
Wednesday Study	Every Tuesday 5- &Thursday 5:45 pm Grab & Go Dinners
https://zoom.us/j/93281675267	Monday Mar 15 8:30 am Food box delivery To 1pm
or Dial 1 929 205 6099 Meeting ID: 932 8167 5267	Thur Mar 18 7pm Finance Com. on Zoom
Committee Mtgs	Sat Mar 20 Trus-tees Com on Zoom 10am
Link will be sent by Chair or you can contact Chair	Sat Mar 27 10 am Church Council on Zoom
April Newsletter Deadline	
March 25, 2020	
Send articles to Deb Glassey at	
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