

September 2021

New Covenant UMC Newsletter

Words from Pastor Althea V Jackson

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Dear friends and family,

I heard that word again. That six-letter word that we keep hearing. We keep hoping to return to that six-letter word. Some of us have even prayed that we would get back to that six-letter word. You know the word I'm talking about: normal.

We want things to go back to the way they were because it is familiar. We've hunger for that six-letter word because we could predict the next step in the journey.

I get it. This last year everything has been topsy turvy. The familiar systems procedures were not accessible. And that's scary. We have spent so much of this last year and a half uncertain unsure and sometimes downright scared to death.

Humans like things to be predictable. The God we serve is full of surprises. We're not going to see normal again or at least the form of it we were comfortable with before. Our journey with Christ is one that is dynamic. Our journey with Christ will have some turns and twists we weren't expecting, and we didn't ask for. One thing that remains constant is God's love for us. The one thing that is unchanged is Christ's willingness to walk **with** us. Christ wants to walk before us. His promise to us is "I will not leave you or forsake you."



The world will change. We're changing. Our whole life is about growth. From the fetus in our mother's belly to the toddler to the school age to adolescence: And some of us actually make it to adulthood.

change!

It is by grace we progress. The biggest comfort he's knowing we do not take it alone. We are promised "I am with you always to the ends of the earth."

Let's keep moving. We'll be all right.

Love, *Pastor Althea*



Join us for Bible Study
Wednesday night
Beginning September 1, 2021
5:15pm
Topic: Fruit of the Holy Spirit

Bible Study to continue on
Zoom until further notice
due to pandemic surge.



Parking Lot

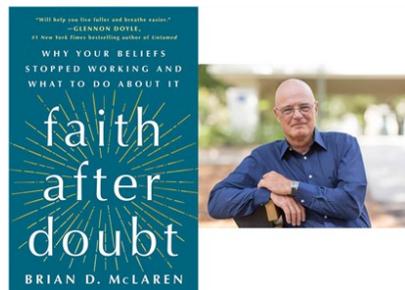
In partnership with Stone Academy, the parking lot lines have been repainted. Please only park in marked spots and honor the handicap spots by not parking in them unless you have a handicap permit. Thank you. Board of Trustees.

**October
Newsletter Deadline
September 25, 2020**

**Send articles to Deb
Glasse at
glassey50@comcast.net**

CALENDAR

Sunday Worship	10am
Wednesday Study & Prayer on Zoom	5pm
Every Tuesday & Thursday Take out dinners	5- 5:45 pm
Thur Sept Finance Com.	7pm
Sat Sept Trustees Com Dec	10am
Monday Sept Food box delivery	8:30 am



Registration is now open for 'Faith After Doubt' book discussion

Bishop Sudarshana Devadhar's recommended reading for 2021-2022 is "[Faith After Doubt: Why Your Beliefs Stopped Working and What to do About It](#)" by Brian D. McLaren. The bishop has invited Dr. McLaren to lead a series of four weekly discussions of his book Mondays at 8-9 pm Sept. 13 to Oct. 4, 2021. Clergy and laity are encouraged to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and to read a book the bishop called "important and insightful."

Registration is open; the deadline to register is Sept. 9.

<http://www.neumc.org/events>

**Seacoast District - Bishop's
Day Thursday, September 30, 2021**
Wesley United Methodist Church 55 Wood-
land St., Lincoln, RI 02865

***This will be a hybrid meeting of both in-
person and Zoom.***

**5:00PM- 6:00PM Meet with Seacoast District
Committee on Superintendency**

6:00PM – 6:30PM Gathering

6:30PM – 7:00PM - Worship Service

7:00PM – 8:30PM Meet with Clergy and Laity

Here is the registration link:

[https://neumc-reg.brtaapp.com/
BishopsDaySeacoastDistrict](https://neumc-reg.brtaapp.com/BishopsDaySeacoastDistrict)

Pandemic Proto- col Update

East Hartford has mandated the wearing of masks indoors regardless of your vaccination status. Therefore, New Covenant will continue its policy of masks when in the building with social distancing and no social activities in Henard Hall.

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