



The Messenger

Hamden Plains United Methodist Church
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Spiritual Sojourns

Grace and Peace to everyone,

The mission of the Hamden Plains United Methodist Church is sharing God's love by creating a safe and welcoming community, connecting people's needs with God's power, and reconciling divisions through Christ.

I must say that I am in love with my new church family. I anticipate all of the good and great things God has in store for us. It is a privilege to pastor such a fine group of people that love the Lord. Also, I am very impressed with the young people that are working hard in the Hamden Plains United Methodist Church..

The young adults in our church have helped me to think about singing again. Also, they are very good singers, too! Some of the congregants know that I have a musical background. I once was a professional bassist and background singer. I have worked with Bob Marley, Gloria Estefan, Dionne Warwick, Betty Wright, Fred Paris and the Five Satins and Dick Clarke to name a few.

- Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am
- Office Hours
9:15am - 12:15pm
Tuesday, - Friday

It is my desire to assist with the upward mobility of God's kingdom while I am here at Hamden Plains United Methodist Church. I will be working on such projects as the physical structure in the Hamden Plains UMC. This will include receiving grant money to repair the kitchen, put down new carpet and beautifying the church as a whole. I have set up a meeting with my grant writer for 7/25/2024 to discuss getting funds for the church. She is my personal grant writer for my business, and she previously worked for the Federal Government of the United States of America. I cannot wait to get started!!!

STAFF
Rev. Cleaven Johnson Jr.
Pastor
Dunn Pearson
Music Minister
Nancy Estes
Secretary
Derrick Pommills
Property Manager

May God bless you and Heaven smile down upon you.

Pastor Cleave



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Hamden Plains United Methodist Church, Hamden, Connecticut

Sunday worship: 9:30 a.m.:

Rev. Cleaven Johnson, Jr., preaching

Services will be available at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3YK4W1nHICT5iAA>

or <https://tinyurl.com/t9q8gw6>

with thanks to Dunn Pearson, Producer



If you are interested in joining HPUMC please contact the Office at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com



WORSHIP WILL BEGIN
AT 9:30 a.m.



Our **Day at the Beach** event was blessed by the perfect beach day weather of sunshine, gentle breezes, and moderate temperatures. There were ice cream sundaes made with MANY toppings, sand castles, shell crafts, water play, and of course, great fellowship





August meeting schedule:

Each Wednesday, 11 a.m., Prayer Team

Each Wednesday, 7:00 p.m., Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, August 28, 1:00 p.m. Healing & Prayer

WORSHIP ASSISTANT HELPERS NEEDED

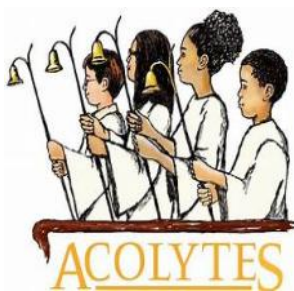


Liturgists assist the Pastor by reading scripture and leading some prayers. We welcome new liturgists! If interested please contact Megan Malanson (203.535.5569 or megmalanson@yahoo.com)



WE ARE LOOKING FOR GREETERS: Greeters arrive early and welcome our congregation to Church. If you and/or your family are interested please contact the office at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com

ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER



Acolytes light the candles at the beginning of worship and extinguish them before brining the light out of the sanctuary, symbolic of taking Christ's light to the world. Youth younger than 8th grade typically perform this service.

Crucifers carry the cross in and out of our worship. **Youth (8th grade and up) or adults** may serve. If interested please contact the office at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com





SAVE THE DATE
September 14th
Noon—3pm


Alfreda Piggott and her Friends will be doing another Fish Fry with the proceeds going towards our apportionments.

When Pastor J left , he couldn't take Sidney his parakeet. We made him a church pet for awhile but he was lonely in the office after everyone left for the day. So Holly announced in church that we were looking for a home for him. Kirby Stafford stepped in and brought him home.

How cute is this! What a great idea to get a friend for Sidney! Looks like they're going to get along.



PUMPKIN PATCH



This event, the 2nd half of October, is a signature event for HPUMC - some in the community know us as "The Pumpkin Church" - but to make it happen we need better support from the whole congregation. So if you value the Pumpkin Patch, and/or are willing to be a worker the last 2.5 weeks in October, you can sign up on the Pumpkin Board in the Narthex or contact Nancy Estes in the church office at 203.248.4654 or email at secretary.hpumc@gmail.com for more information.

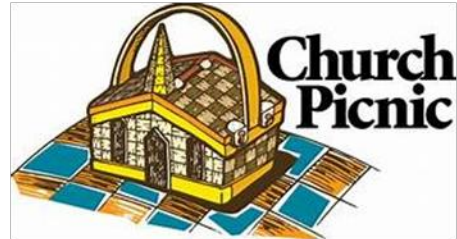


August Word Search



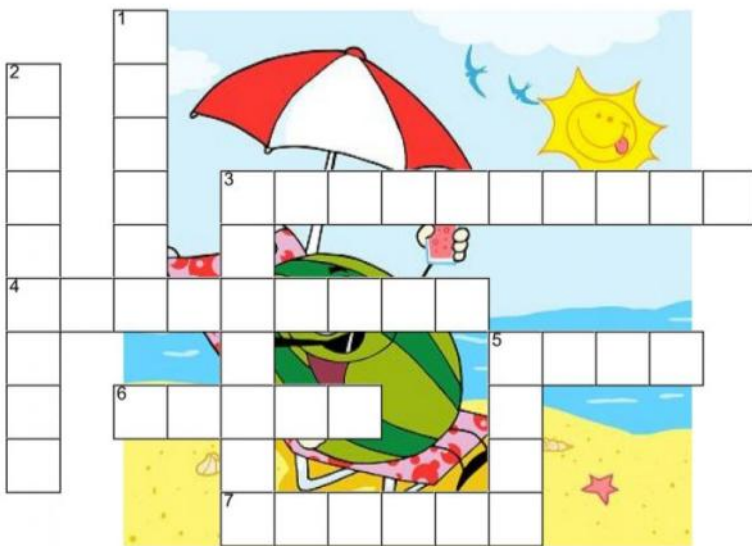
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| BIKING | POOL | READING | FRIENDS |
| POPSICLES | SNOW CONE | RELAX | TRAVEL |
| SUMMER | ICE CREAM | LEMONADE | FUN |

Join us on **SUNDAY**,
September 8th



following **Service**,
for the **Annual**
Homecoming Picnic
in our parking lot.
Food sign-up sheets
in the **Narthex**

Summer Crossword



Across

- I love to build this in the sand.
- I love to run through it and it makes me wet.
- I have one in my backyard that I love to swim in.
- A place that has lots of sand and water.
- I use this to pick up sand

Down

- The hottest time of the year.
- I wear this to swim.
- I like to wear these on my feet when it is hot.
- I use this to put the sand in.



Starting Sunday,
September 8th,
Service will go back
to 10:15 am



IN ASSOCIATION WITH

HAMDEN PLAINS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

4th Annual

Community Festival

AUGUST 24, 2024 - 12PM-6PM

UNITING COMMUNITIES THROUGH ARTS & MUSIC

ELI'S GARDEN OF HEALING

TOWN OF HAMDEN

FOOD LIVE MUSIC VENDORS GIVEAWAYS *Events*

MUSIC PROVIDED BY DJ TUNES

WE ARE THE VILLAGE

"It Takes A Village So We Become One"

HAMDEN TOWN CENTER PARK - 2761 DIXWELL AVE., HAMDEN, CT 06514
FOR MORE INFORMATION: PERIAH DELGADO - HEARTSFORJUSTICEEMAIL@GMAIL.COM OR NANCY - 203-248-4654

VENDORS & PERFORMERS NEEDED

CONTACT NANCY - 203-248-4654 OR EMAIL US - HEARTSFORJUSTICEEMAIL@GMAIL.COM



The Second Wednesday Women's Group

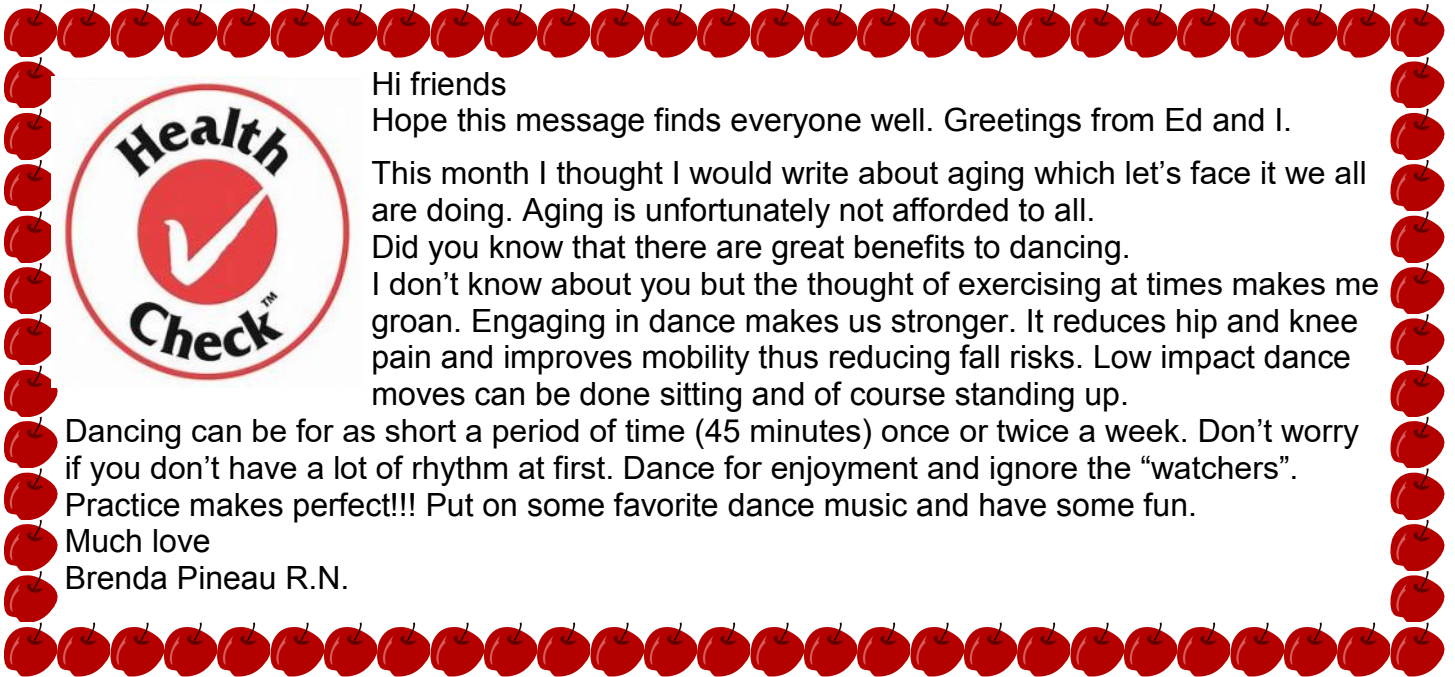
DATE: The second Wednesday of each month

TIME: 1:00 pm

PLACE: Hamden Plains UMC Prayer Room

JULY

We will resume in September..



Hi friends

Hope this message finds everyone well. Greetings from Ed and I.

This month I thought I would write about aging which let's face it we all are doing. Aging is unfortunately not afforded to all.

Did you know that there are great benefits to dancing.

I don't know about you but the thought of exercising at times makes me groan. Engaging in dance makes us stronger. It reduces hip and knee pain and improves mobility thus reducing fall risks. Low impact dance moves can be done sitting and of course standing up.

Dancing can be for as short a period of time (45 minutes) once or twice a week. Don't worry if you don't have a lot of rhythm at first. Dance for enjoyment and ignore the "watchers".

Practice makes perfect!!! Put on some favorite dance music and have some fun.

Much love

Brenda Pineau R.N.

RMMK Homecare agency has been caring for adults for over 15 years. Please take a look of my website and if anyone is looking for personal care or need someone for medical transportation, RMMK Homecare can facilitate that.

My website is rmmkhomecare.com

Email is rmmkhomecare@gmail.com

If you have any questions please call Dr. Roslyn Keller, MHA at 475-308-0408.



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SHORELINE REVIVAL

Hamden Plains New Praise sang on the Branford Green during the Shoreline Revival.

Everyone loved them and other Churches are asking for them.

GREAT JOB

Mariah Brantley, Alanna Davis, Perjah Delgado, Reneejah Delgado,
Godson Nartey, and Arealyah Paul





If your health is compromised or you are in an at-risk group, please continue to enjoy our on-line worship option. We print the following in each Thursday's message field when we email the weekly bulletin and notices, to ease access for our members and friends.

Recording on HPUMC YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3_YK4W1nHICT5iAA or <https://tinyurl.com/t9q8gw6>
(Sunday service recording will be posted as early as Sunday at 7:00pm or late as Monday at 7:00pm)

Contact George Joseph at dgjoseph.home@gmail.com or 203.675.3595 if you need help.

SIGN UP TO SERVE



You can now sign up as a cook or server for "Dinner for a \$" using Signup.com. Just click the link or copy into your address bar to volunteer to help at dinner for a dollar. We will send you a reminder of your commitment the week before you are to serve. Help feed families here in the Hamden Community through this important ministry!!

<https://signup.com/go/LpLESwA>



"A picture is worth a thousand words." Thank you to everyone who has sent me photos from our worship services and special events. They are such a beautiful and powerful testament to all that is going on at Hamden Plains UMC, we will be using them for the website, bulletin boards, and more. I welcome all photos, so if anyone has some to be included in our HPUMC Photo Ministry, please send them to Nancy Estes at secretary.hpumc@gmail.com.

REPORTERS FOR THE MESSENGER:



We are actively searching for reporters for our monthly Messenger at HPUMC. Their duties consist of reporting and interviewing community leaders, Pastor J and other members of our church, while writing articles on events and happenings throughout the year. These persons will work closely with our Editor and chief Nancy Estes completing articles before monthly deadlines and submitting pictures for editorial. If you are interested please contact Pastor J or Nancy Estes.



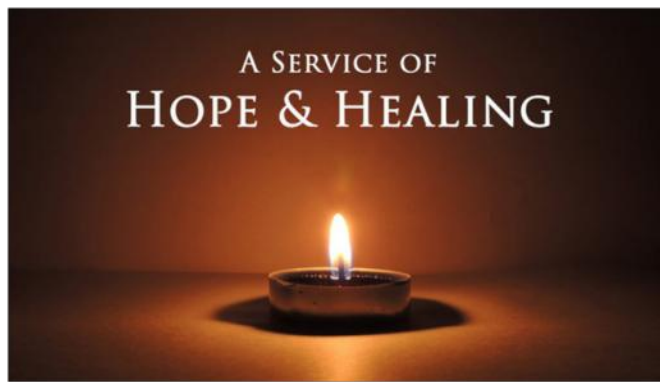
Fellowship Time : Sign-up sheets for HPUMC Fellowship Hour 2024 are now on the doors in the narthex Coffee Corner. Thanks so much for your help in making our Fellowship Hours welcoming for both members and guests.



We have entered into a new way of contributing your tithes and offerings



You can now give right through an app on your phone or by scanning the QR code on the right. We will then notify you we received your contribution.
www.venmo.com/HamdenPlains-UMC
Any questions please call the office at 203.248.4654



Shoreline/Havens Cooperative Parish Healing Prayer Services
The Rev Cindy Dodd, retired UM Elder, will be offering intercessory prayer services at 3 churches within our Cooperative Parish.

All are welcome.

4th Wednesday of Every Month
1:00pm
HPUMC Prayer Room

All are invited to join the Prayer Team for lunch at 12:00pm

1st Tuesday of each month, 7pm, at 1st and Wesley UMC, 89 Center Street, West Haven

2nd Wednesday of each month, 1pm Branford UMC, 811 E Main Street, Branford

4th Wednesday of each month, 1pm Hamden Plains UMC, 15 Church Street, Hamden

The HPUMC Prayer Team meets every Wednesday from 11:00am - 12pm

All are welcome to join us.



Our **Prayer Team** meets in its established time: **Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – Noon**, in the Prayer Room (Nursery). If you are interested in participating, just come! If you want to know more, contact Holly O'Brien at 203.506.4822 or hollyo-brien@snet.net.



Cans for Congo:



We want to send a thank you to those of you who have been donating their cans and bottles or receipts from recycling cans and bottles for the Congo Mission to Mulungwishi Seminary. Please continue to bring in your receipts or cans to support this mission. The collection boxes for receipts and cans are located in the hall outside the offices.



TO DONATE ALTAR

FLOWERS please contact Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 (Tues.-Fri. mornings)

You may purchase flowers and bring them before Sunday services or donate \$30. Please make check payable to "HPUMC" memoed "altar flowers" or cash,. Wording may be "in honor of" or "in memory of" and will be listed in the bulletin. You may take the flowers or leave them to be delivered to our home-bound members. Your color preference requests, if any, should be placed with Nancy Estes when ordering. Sign-up on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board out side of the office. Thank you to all who participate in beautifying our altar.



HAMDEN FOOD BANK

always needs your support and contributions to help Hamden residents who are in need. The items that we need are non-perishable foods and basic necessities, such as, soap, toilet paper, tooth paste, tooth brushes, and diapers. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated.



"Dinner for a Dollar"

serves take-out only from 6 – 7 p.m. following Quinnipiack Valley Health District guidelines. Cooking teams work 3 – 5:30 p.m.; serving teams serve 5:30 – 8 p.m. Meals are "to go" only. To assist **ANY Saturday** contact Marty Hartog at 203.506.9788 or hartogm1@southernct.edu



INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLE PROGRAM

OUR INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLE PROGRAM will gain us credit toward church office supplies. Please bring them during office hours, Tues. – Fri. 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m., leave them in a bag outside the parking lot door at your convenience, or bring them to Sunday worship.



Thank you for dropping off your used cartridges!!



The "SEPTEMBER" Messenger deadline is Sunday, August 18th

(always the third Sunday of the preceding month).

NO ARTICLES ACCEPTED AFTER DEADLINE!

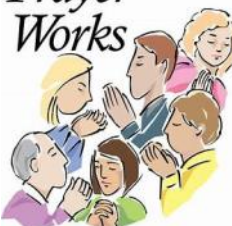
Please submit articles electronically (preferred) to secretary.hpumc@gmail.com or hard copy to Nancy at the church office (Tuesday through Friday 9 :15 am – 12:15 pm) or by USPS at



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let the office or Pastor know if prayers are needed

Prayer Works



SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS should be called or e-mailed to Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com or Holly O'Brien (203) 288-4252/ hollyobrien@snet.net

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Pray without ceasing; give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:17-19

- Robert Pilletere
- Sara Stafford
- Charlotte Sroka
- Pam Gripper, infection
- Lois Hartsoe, heart issues
- Holly Wesman, partner of Karen Sroka, cancer



Please pray for our Church daily



PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING A NOTE to any of the folks below who either live alone, have care needs, or both. **This is the updated list.** Megan Malanson is tracking these contacts. If you make one and would like to report that to Megan, please reach her at megmalanson@yahoo.com. If there is someone you think should be contacted by the pastor, please notify him at pastorjj.hpumc@gmail.com.

ADDRESSES FOR PEOPLE LIVING ALONE OR WITH CARE NEEDS:

(Some opted not to be on this list: please contact Pastor with corrections.)

- Bales, Mary, 33 Woodruff Street, #113, Hamden, 06518
- Hartsoe, Lois, 7310 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 06492
- Leno, Pat, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 06514
- Morrison, Claudette and Jimmy, 112 East Gate Lane, Hamden, 06514
- Raccio, Carmine, 15 Sunrise Cove Road, Branford, 06405
- Reynolds, Marianne, 520 Pool Rd. Apt. 424, North Haven, 06473
- Shaw, Rosemary, 345 Fountain Street, Apt. 202, New Haven, 06515
- Teodosio, Frank, 330 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, 06525

Please keep those serving in the military in your prayers



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Sundays	10:00 am– 12:00 pm	Preaching Healing Presbyterian Church Korean speaking
	1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Iglesias Christiana– Spanish Church
Mondays	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Living Water Bible Study
Tuesdays	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Hispanic AA
Wednesday	6:30 pm—8:30 pm	Spanish Church Bible Study
Thursdays	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Men’s AA
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Hispanic AA
4th Saturday	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	AA Spanish Speaking D-10 A-11
Various Days/Times		Daniel Cohen

	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Liturgist	Kersten Moore	Carole Outlaw	Shelly Jones	Lynn Brantley
Greeter	Holly O'Brien	Megan Malanson	Megan Malanson	Holly O'Brien
Usher	Megan Malanson	Holly O'Brien	Derrick Pommills	Sandra Wade
Fellowship Time	Holly O'Brien	Sandra Wade		
Counters	Terri Bennett Kersten Moore	Marty Hartog Kirby Stafford	Lynn Brantley Perjah Delgado	Terri Bennett Kersten Moore



- 3rd Gianna Fiorillo-Aiello
- 3rd Lucas Moore
- 19th Nancy Estes
- 27th Carol Galloway
- 27th Lois Fucci
- 29th Brittany Stafford



- 4th Gregg and Christina Larrow 2018
- 8th Bob & Holly O'Brien 1970
- 19th Anthony & Kersten Moore 2000
- 21st Hunter & Megan Malanson 1999
- 22nd Martin Hartog & Terri Bennett 1998



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7pm
4 9:30 am Worship	5	6	7 Prayer Team 11 am	8	9	10 Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7pm
11 9:30 am Worship	12	13	14 Prayer Team 11 am	15	16	1 Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7pm
18 Messenger Deadline 9:30 am Worship	19	20	21 Prayer Team 11 am	22	23	24 Hearts For Justice 12-5 Town Green Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7pm
25 9:30 am Worship	26	27	28 Prayer Team 11 am Hope & Healing Prayers 1 pm	29	30	31

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