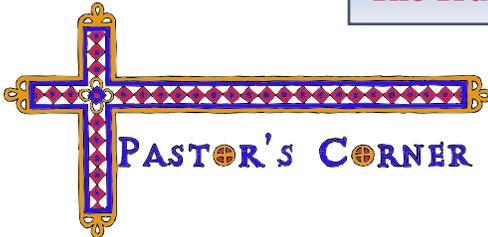


The TRUMPET

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The Trumpet deadline is the 20th of every month!



PASTOR'S CORNER

Rule of Life

We all make plans to one degree or another. Some of us are incredible organizers with plans for the next year, five years, ten years and so on. Some of us are short term planners, when we go to bed at night we plan our meals and wardrobe for the next day while reviewing our schedule. Still others like to “wing it”. Our plans may encompass everything from vacations to health and wellness goals to long-term financial planning. Planning is important. Goals can be helpful. I wonder how many of us include our spiritual life, our faith into some kind of plan?

Having a meaningful spiritual life is not something that lends itself to goal-setting. Goal-setting or planning involves task-based things to do on a check off list. The desire to deepen our spiritual life practices benefits from a Rule of Life rather than a goal-mindset. A rule of life is a written commitment to live your life in a particular way. It is created through prayer and contemplation. The most well-known rule of life was written over fifteen hundred years ago by St. Benedict. A rule of life guides who we are and who we are becoming. It can help us make life

decisions while making sure that God is in the decision-making process, too.

To create a rule of life there are a few guidelines. First of all, begin with prayer; invite God into the process. After that there are different ways to go about creating your own rule. One possibility is to divide it into three parts: Be with Jesus, Become like Jesus, Do what Jesus did. Each of those can be further broken down into categories such as “abiding” under Be with Jesus, “relationships” under Become like Jesus, finally “work and money” under Do what Jesus did. A rule of life can be created by individuals, families, and faith communities. It is a living document meant to be revisited and revised as the person or community grows.

If you are intrigued here are some resources for contemplation:

Wisdom Distilled from the Daily: Living the Rule of St. Benedict Today

by Joan Chittister

Crafting a Rule of Life: An Invitation to the Well-Ordered Way

by Stephen A. Macchia

The Artist's Rule: Nurturing Your Creative Soul with Monastic Wisdom

by Christine Valters Paintner

Yours in Christ,

Danielle Arnett Keller, Substitute Minister

The following are the scriptures for the month of June:

You are invited to read them as part of your daily devotions and as preparation for worship.

June 6

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15
Psalms 138 & 130
Genesis 3:8-15
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 13

1 Samuel 15:34-16:1
Psalms 20 & 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-17
Ezekiel 17:22-24
Mark 4:26-34

June 20

1 Samuel 17:32-49
Psalms 9:9-20 & 107:1-3, 23-32
Job 38:1-11
Psalm 69:7-18
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 27

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalms 130 & 130
Lamentations 3:22-33
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43



Worship News

Join us Sunday mornings outside at 10AM, or online on Facebook Live, for worship. Recordings of the service can be found on the church's Facebook page and our YouTube channel.

May 30: This week starts a four-week sermon series taking a close look at Micah 6:8.

June 6: Communion Sunday. For those of you watching on Facebook, please prepare communion at home so that we may celebrate together in spirit. This week we will talk about how to “do justice”.

June 13: Children’s Sunday. Come celebrate our wonderful Sunday school and Youth Group! There will be an ice cream truck after the service.

June 20: This week we will talk about how we can “love kindness”.

June 27: This week we will wrap up our sermon series looking at Micah 6:8 talking about what it means to “walk humbly with your God”.

Study ^{the} Bible
with us



A mid-week opportunity for conversation, coffee, learning, and laughter.

Give yourself the gift of time...

**Wednesday morning study group
10:00 a.m.**

Everyone is welcome!

Thank You!!!

Our church is blessed by the work of many volunteers. Every bit of effort and caring helps the church live out its calling to be the Body of Christ. This month we especially would like to thank...

John Davis, Bob Rath, Val Law, Jared Law, Ben Gould and everyone who has been helping to set up the music equipment and chairs to facilitate our outdoor worship services. It's a lot of work to put it all together on Sunday mornings and your efforts are greatly appreciated!

Christine and Glen Lessig for working so hard in our church garden weeding, mulching and replacing plants. The garden always looks wonderful and well-cared for!



Have you changed your email or mailing address? Please let the office know of any changes so you don't miss out on *The Trumpet*, EWCC

Weekly Reminder or other important messages. You can send any changes to ewccsec@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Summer Reading

Our book group will continue during the summer so you'll have the chance to meet and discuss a wide variety of books. We will meet at 7:00 pm on these evenings (location to be announced – watch the EWCC Weekly Reminder):

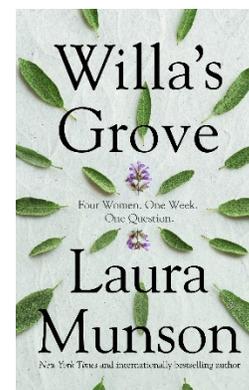
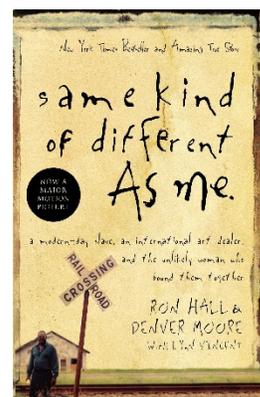
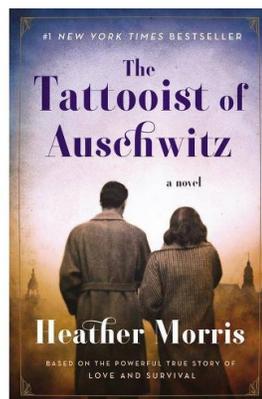
June 28: The Tattooist of Auschwitz
by Heather Morris

July 26: Same Kind of Different as Me
by Denver Moore and Ron Hill

August 23: Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
by Lisa See

September 27: Willa's Grove
by Laura Munson

Contact Anne Sorensen for more information:
860-428-2198





Congratulations Graduates!

Our prayers and good wishes are with you as you begin new ventures!

8th Grade Graduates: Alex Brouillard, Abigail Converse, Jacqueline Dearborn, Phoebe Griffin, Cameron Robida, Jackson Santos

High School Graduates: Eliza Dutson will attend WPI; A. Newall-Vuillemot; Brenna O'Connor (Bev Tracy's granddaughter) – Ellis Tech from the Electrical Shop.

College Graduates: Shealynn Kelley – Ryder College; Sylvia Lawrence – Eastern CT University with a degree in Social Work;

Other Degrees: Danny Murphy – Georgetown Law School – will join the firm of Ropes & Gray in Boston;

Tell me, what is it you plan to do with your one wild and precious life?

- Mary Oliver



Virtual Jamboree

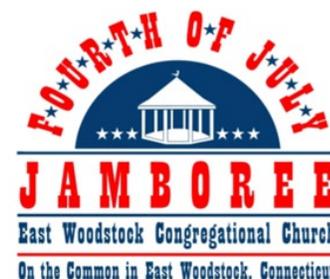
Celebrating our 65th Jamboree

Unfortunately, we will not be holding the Jamboree in person this year. There will, however, be a pre-recorded program with patriotic music posted on our Jamboree Facebook page to honor the occasion. If anyone wants to post a favorite memory, picture, or what they miss about the Jamboree, please feel free to do so.

And – you can help us with our virtual fundraiser. Everyone is invited to donate \$65 in honor of our 65th Jamboree. Your gift will help us continue the work of the church – reaching out to those in need, caring for God's people, and sharing God's Word.

There are many ways to donate – visit our website www.eastwoodstockchurch.org/donate/ to find out how to give by text, with the Give Plus app or directly through the website! Of course, you can also mail a check to EWCC, PO Box 156, East Woodstock, CT 06244.

Each gift of \$65 will honor the tradition of our Jamboree and help us wait until next year when we can once again celebrate together.



Plant a Row for the Hungry

Woodstock Lions are encouraging home gardeners to grow extra this year and donate it!



- East Woodstock Congregational Church is one of their drop off sites.
- A bin will be on the wheelchair ramp marked with their logo.
- Drop off fresh veggies and fruit on Sunday or Wednesday before 7 pm.
- The Lions will collect and transport to Community Kitchen and TEEG.
- Please leave the top of the bags open so your donations do not spoil.
- Starts Sunday, June 6
- Please share this information with your neighbors, friends, and family.

LBS NEWS

(Ladies Benevolent Society)

Our next event will be held on Wednesday June 9, at 12:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Susan Converse will be providing a boxed picnic lunch for each attendee. To make sure that she has enough for everyone, please RSVP to Susan at 860-208-9432 and leave a message or email her at susanconverse1@gmail.com by June 6.

We won't be meeting in July, but please consider coming to help clean the kitchen at the end of August. All the dishes need to be washed – hopefully the dishwasher will be working so that we can make quick work of this! We will get the kitchen sparkling and ready for our first coffee hour when we open up the church in September!

Respectfully submitted,
Kerstin Forrester



Trumpet Survey

For those of you who may have missed the initial email, this is a survey to assess the ongoing usefulness of the Trumpet. We realize that the Trumpet is a time-honored and much appreciated tradition here at EWCC. However, we wonder how many of you are actually reading it at this point.

The pandemic has naturally made us look at all the ways in which we try to serve the community. The EWCC Weekly Email Reminder is an additional form of communication which contains timely information that is generally also included in the Trumpet.

This raises an important question as to whether producing the Trumpet monthly is a worthwhile task when we are producing a weekly email.

If you would please complete this brief survey, the Church Council can better determine a reasonable course of action. Thank you for your time! Please return the survey to EWCC Council, PO Box 156, East Woodstock, CT 06244.

Yours in faith,

EWCC Council

I read the EWCC Weekly Reminder email:

- Always
- Rarely
- Never
- Sometimes
- I Don't Receive It

I read the monthly *Trumpet*:

- Always
- Rarely
- Never
- Sometimes

I receive the *Trumpet*:

- By Email
- Printed Copy
- I Don't Receive it

Optional comments about the EWCC Weekly Reminder

Optional comments about the *Trumpet*

My reaction if the *Trumpet* were discontinued:

- I'm fine with it
- I would miss it, but I understand
- I prefer that we keep it
- I feel strongly that the Trumpet should be continued

If the Trumpet were discontinued, I would miss seeing...

Outreach Committee News

First Friday Food Fair at EWCC Food Distribution Site

June 4 9 am to 6 pm



Location: Under tarp by the wheelchair ramp

Available: Non-perishable food items

Self-service, bags provided

We are reaching out to the congregation to please continue to **donate** non-perishable food items; bins are on the wheelchair ramp. Please also help us get the word out that our church will be having a First Friday FoodFair on June 4th.

Food insecurities continue to be a significant concern for many families in NE CT. TEEG has indicated that “30% of all households they serve (Thompson, Woodstock, and Pomfret) are struggling every day to make ends meet, despite working full time.”

OUR ANNUAL BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR TEEG



This important program makes a huge difference to students as they start back to school. We partner with the Hill church to collect supplies. We will be collecting on Sundays and you are welcome to leave any donations on the ramp outside Fellowship Hall. This collection will run through mid-August. Thank you!

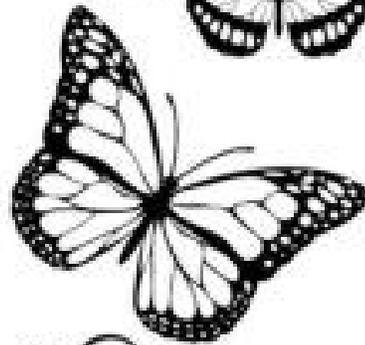
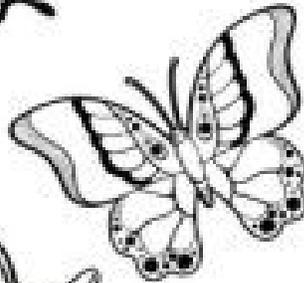
Children's Page

A picture to color.

This is the
DAY
that the **LORD**
has made.



Psalm 118:24



June 2021						
Daily Bread request: Peanut Butter & Jelly						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Music	2 10:00 am Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	3 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Bells	4 9 am – 6 pm Food Fair	5
6 10:00 am Worship (Outdoors) 4:00 pm Middle Youth	7 9 am Community Kitchen 6:00 pm Outreach (gazebo)	8 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Music	9 10:00 am Study Group 12:30 LBS Lunch 7:30 pm Al-anon	10 9:00 am Tai Chi	11	12
13 Children's Day 10:00 am Worship (Outdoors)	14	15 9:00 am Tai Chi 7:00 pm Music	16 10:00 am Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon	17 9:00 am Tai Chi	18	19
20 Happy Father's Day! 10:00 am Worship (Outdoors)	21 TRUMPET DEADLINE! 7:00 pm Society	22 9:00 am Tai Chi	23 10:00 am Study Group 7:00 pm Council 7:30 pm Al-anon	24 9:00 am Tai Chi	25	26
27 10:00 am Worship (Outdoors)	28 7:00 pm Book Discussion	29 9:00 am Tai Chi	30 10:00 am Study Group 7:30 pm Al-anon			



Happy Birthday

June Birthdays:

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| Rhys Asikainen | June 1 |
| Austin Dilko | June 6 |
| Seamus Morse | June 6 |
| Jackson Santos | June 7 |
| Liliana Bottone | June 12 |
| Logan Curtis | June 20 |
| Paige Curtis | June 20 |
| Benjamin Hermonot | June 24 |



PRAYER PAGE

Today and every day let us be open to God, who promises always to be with us.

A prayer to start the day from the 1558 Sarum Primer.

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in my eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at my end, and at my departing.

A prayer for the end of the day from the from the New Zealand Anglican Prayer Book

Night Prayer

Lord,
it is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.
It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done; let it be.
The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.
The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us,
and all who have no peace.
The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly to a new day,
new joys,
new possibilities.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

