

February

2020

Steeple



Tidings

Sharing God's love with each other and the world

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**Worship with us Sundays
at 10 AM, Sunday School
February 2 & 16 at 10am
All are Welcome!!**

Scripture Reading

“I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

(John 10:9-10)

Prayer for the Month

I thank you and praise you
For all your wonderful blessings!

I will delight in everything
You have given me.

I put all my trust in you.

You are always at my side,
And today I will have everything I need.

Forgive me for the times
I have disappointed you.

Guide me and teach me.

Fill me with your Spirit
so that in everything I do
I will be a delight to you!

Amen

Quick News and Events

February 2—Souper Bowl Sunday, FH 11:30

February 4—Enfield Quilters, BWR, 7pm

February 5—Healing Service, Sanctuary, 7pm

February 9—Hope Circle, BWR, 7pm

February 11— Council Meeting, BWR, 7pm

February 12—Prayer Service, Sanctuary, 7pm

February 16—Pancake Breakfast, FH, 8:30-9:53am

February 19—Prayer Service, Sanctuary, 7pm

February 21—Dinner!!!! FH, 5-7pm

February 23— Hope Circle, BWR, 7pm

February 26—Prayer Service, Sanctuary, 7pm

**For Complete Calendar go to
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Some Thoughts from Me —Rev. David Williams



The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want. (Proverbs 21:5)

On Saturday, January 11, more than 30 people gathered in the Betty Wightman room to dream about where God was calling us to be as a congregation in the year 2025. We challenged, applauded, comforted, and affirmed the way in which we, as a congregation, seek to live out our calling to make disciples for Jesus Christ. The conversation was rich and full, challenging and uncomfortable, exciting and frightening all at once. It was indeed a great Saturday.

Now the hard work begins; the work of turning those dreams and ideas into concrete programs, actions, and behaviors. Some of the items listed are easy to understand, and just as easy to implement, and steps are being taken to do just that. You will be seeing some changes soon in our worship, our outreach, our communication, and our fellowship. Some of the items listed are easy to understand but very difficult (difficult, not impossible) to implement. They will take careful planning and considerable energy to put into place. It may take months or even years to bring them to fruition. That doesn't mean we will be doing nothing, it just means that to do them well will take time. And some of the items on the list are—for me—confusing. I was not at the meeting and so lack the context of what was meant by the word or phrase that was written down. I am reaching out to some of the people who were there so that they might enlighten me and help me understand what was meant, and, more importantly, what was desired.

Change is hard—for all of us. We are comfortable with what we know. There is a certain measure of

peace that we have when we walk into church knowing what to expect and how things are going to go. It is never easy to change. But change brings fresh ideas, new ways of looking at things, and different opportunities than we have had before. It helps us grow. It helps us reach out beyond what was once comfortable to accomplish things we never dreamed we could do. That does not mean we jettison everything we love and cherish. It does not mean we turn our world upside down for the sake of being different. It does mean that we open ourselves to the possibilities that the new and different bring.

In the end what we need now—after the dreaming, after the planning, after the hoping—is the willingness to try. If the new idea works, fantastic. If it doesn't, we can try something different. We keep trying, we keep changing we keep reaching until we become all that God intends for us to be. We keep changing and reaching until we have shared the Gospel of Jesus Christ with every person we meet. We keep changing and reaching until God tells us we are done (hint: we are never done).

To all who came and participated, thank you. For those who could not attend that opening session take heart, there will be more sessions as we follow up on our progress, evaluate where we are, and continue to set our course towards the year 2025. There are lots of ideas for every voice to be heard. In the meantime we all—every last one of us—need to continue to bathe this process in prayer. Pray for the leadership of the church, that we might respond with wisdom and courage to the ideas already before us. Pray for those who work on committees, teach Sunday school, staff the nursery, put on the suppers, and engage in all of the activities that are HUMC. Pray for insight into how you might play a role in this process. And please pray for me that I might

Some Thoughts , cont.

have the wisdom and skill to help steer and guide this ship called Hazardville United Methodist Church as we sail the seas of life together.

God bless,

Dave

Methodism Class

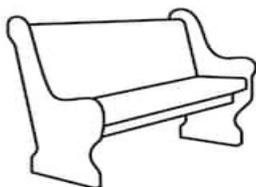
Have you ever wondered just what a Methodist is? What is it we claim to believe as a denomination? Where did we come from? How are we structured and why? And how are we different from other denominations? Beginning Thursday, February 6, at 2 p.m. Rev. Dave will offer a four week course on the history, doctrine, and polity of The United Methodist Church. There is no charge for this class and all are invited. Come and learn our fascinating story and discover just what being a Methodist means..

 **FEBRUARY**
Birthdays

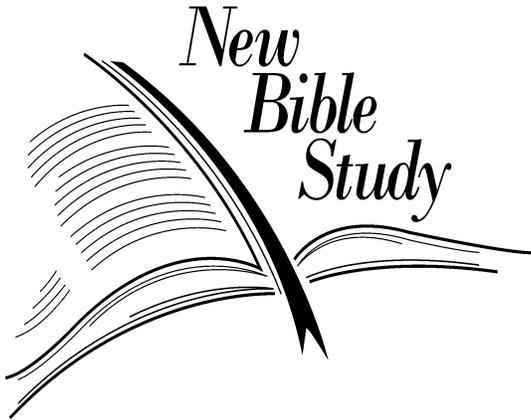
Leticia Sim	February 01
Michael Braun	February 02
Frank Ruiz Reyes	February 02
Geraldine Russell	February 03
Donald Niemann	February 04
Betty Mientus	February 10
Stanley Clark	February 11
Marjorie Steinert	February 13
Christian Fracasso	February 15
David Munson	February 19
Charlotte Stenlake	February 19
Kerry Fracasso	February 22
Eleanor Weisel	February 25

 **MARCH**
Birthdays

Leonard Chevalier	March 11
Julia Capodicasa	March 13
Linda Chevalier	March 20
Anne Stanzione	March 20
David Sandford	March 23
Thomas Phelan	March 24
Julia Locke	March 31



Pick a Pew: February 23rd! We have done it before we are doing it again! Choose a new pew, don't sit where you normally do , change it up and sit with new perspective and new people!



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There is no charge for this class and all are invited.

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SERMON SERIES: Jesus charged his disciples with going out into the world to share the Good News—the Gospel—that he had brought to earth. But just what is that Good News and how do we spread it? And what do we do AFTER we have spread it? And what gets in our way of spreading it? Join Rev. Dave beginning February 2 as he explores *A Gift to Share*. We will look at what we have to offer in Jesus' own words, figure out what it means to “go and tell,” explore what we do after we tell and people respond, and take a look at the obstacles that get in our way and how we might remove them. This four week series will hopefully challenge us to be better heralds of God's grace and encourage us to more fully accept that grace for ourselves.

Fellowship Dinner



WE have another Dinner coming up fast! February 21st, 5pm till 7pm. Please RSVP to our email:

hazardvilleumc@sbcglobal.net or call the office 860-749-7098. We are having Dinner...haven't decided the menu as soon as we do you will know! Our master chef is working on the menu. Sue is working on kitchen help. If you can help early to help with preparations or stay late to help clean up! *All are Welcome!*

Free Will Offering Accepted



Please keep the following in your prayers
*If you have a name to add or notice a
name that is missing
please contact Isobel Skukowski or the
church office.*

Illness

Mike Braun,
Diane Chantre,
Mark Chevalier,
Neil Kelley
Mary Lou Sarno,
Peg Steinert,
Ron Uricchio,
Janette Young

Family Illness

The Braun Family
The Kelley Family
The Phelan Family

Safe Travels

Emily Carson
Tyler Craven

Shut-Ins

Elsie Andrews
Diane Hocter
Pat Owens
Ann Stanzione

Recovery

Jeannette Burkhardt
Colleen Williams

Death in the Family

The Comparetto's

QPR Training

A very special opportunity is coming our way in the month of February. A representative of Enfield Youth and Family Services will be here to conduct a QPR training session. What is QPR? QPR stands for **Q**uestion, **P**ersuade, and **R**efer — the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide.

Just as people trained in CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade, and refer someone to help. Each year thousands of people, like us, are saying "Yes" to saving the life of a friend, colleague, sibling, or neighbor.

Our news is filled with stories of persons who reached the end of their rope and decided to end their lives. Some of us have had family members or close friends reach that point. Some of us have encountered people in that situation and we didn't even know it. Come and learn what to look for and how to respond. You just might save a loved one's life. The date and time have not been set as of this writing, but watch the bulletin and web page for more information as it unfolds.



Here Wee Grow!

Spread the news registration is open for any 3, 4 and 5 year old who needs preschool! We are starting to fill up so tell your friends!

This month is filled with recovery, from the students with colds and flu and rest for the big things coming in March!

Phyllis

Lenten Opportunities—Lent begins on Wednesday evening, February 26, at 7 p.m. with our traditional Ash Wednesday service. As always we will experience the imposition of ashes from previous year's Palm Sunday celebrations and celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Then, beginning on Thursday, February 27, we will be offering a Lenten Soup and Study entitled "Give Up Something Bad for Lent." We will gather at 6 p.m. for a soup supper, followed at 6:30 for our Bible Study. As in the past, this year's study will be a collaboration between HUMC, the United Methodist Church of Enfield, and Wesley UMC of Windsor Locks. The studies will be led by laity and clergy from the three churches. Locations for the studies are still being worked out, so watch the bulletin or check out the web page for more information. The study book for this study will be available in the Fellowship Hall. We are asking for a \$10 donation to cover the expense of the book, but don't let the price stop you. Come and be a part of a very interesting study.

Wednesday Evening Healing Services

Our next Wednesday evening Service of Divine Healing will be held on Wednesday, February 5, at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. This 30-45 minute service is patterned after the Taizé service of quiet reflection, with simple chants, scripture, prayer, and anointing with oil. We also invite you to come to any one of the other Wednesday evening prayer meetings which are held each week at 7. These are shorter, more informal times of prayer. If you are feeling run down, scared, lonely, depressed, hurting, struggling, or simply lost, we invite you to come for this very special service where we open ourselves up to the healing power of God.

IN SERVICE IN FEBRUARY

DATE	LITURGIST	NURSERY	GREETERS	COFFEE	USHERS	COUNTERS
Feb. 2	Phyllis Phelan Communion Steward: Jill Dynia	Amy Troiano Dee Chlebowski	Doris Mack	Souper Bowl!	Walt Skukowski Kathie Kelley Judy Locke Kerry Fracasso	Tony Clarke John Fisher
Feb. 9	Roberta Bragan	Ashley Collins Robin Barrett	Isobel Skukowski		Kathie Kelley Judy Locke Mike Dynia Walt Skukowski	Elaine Folkers Isobel Skukowski
Feb. 16	Kathie Kelley	Tracy McDonagh Linda Versteeg	Charlotte Stenlake	Pancakes	Christian Fracasso Kathie Kelley Kerry Fracasso Judy Locke	Holly Fisher Kathie Kelley
Feb. 23	Linda Borio Pick a Pew	Esta Clarke Nancy Dembek	Mike & Jill Dynia		Judy Locke Kathie Kelley Walt Skukowski Christian Chlebowski	Tony Clarke John Fisher
Mar. 1	Leslee Young	Doris Mack Vernell Sandford				Holly Fisher Deb Cook