

October

2022

Steeple



Tidings

Sharing God's love with each other and the world

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

**Worship with us
Sundays at 10 AM,
www.humcEnfield.org**

Opportunity is Knocking

Do you want to get involved: We have a list of opportunities: Deliver Food to food shelf, Usher on Sundays, make calls to people, make a dinner for someone in need, help with the needs of the church.

The Last Steeple Tidings was sent in April of 2020. It is filled with COVID discussion and hope. As parishioners of this church you know that during the last 2 years we have lost many things. Somethings we were happy to lose, crowded venues and grocery stores: sadly others, were missing the people we have a connection with. Many of us have found it easier to stay home in safety, some of us have battled out of our houses. All these decisions were the right ones! One thing we never did was turn our backs on God . We have all walked a long road.. Now lets get back to being real busy with God's work!

Prayer for October:

*This day, Father,
may my eyes be opened
to see the beauty
in all that is ordinary - yet special -
around me.
May the glory of all that you have made
remind me of your presence
and lead me closer to you.*

AA, Gamblers Anonymous, Chemical Dependency, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, DAR, Enfield Quilters, Enfield Community Choir: These are the over 400 people that come thru our building every week. We opened our doors to all of these groups while others closed theirs. One or more of these groups is here everyday/night. We always wished for a busy building and more OUTREACH!

From the
Pastor's Desk

Beloved,

It is encouraging to see all those dedicated to working toward renewal together. We will have monthly check-ins with our coach as we work the HUMC roadmap that we create for our renewal. We still have a couple of books available for those who could not join us for the first session. Let me know if you need a book.

For those who missed the memo, HUMC is meeting for a soup and bread luncheon after service once a month (except December and April). Our October renewal gathering is this Sunday, Oct. 2nd. After lunch, our Renewal Book Study convenes in the Yates Room around 11:45 -12 noon for an hour. We are on a journey of discovery, research, reflection and visioning as we discern together God's mission for our post-pandemic community. It is a journey leading to renewal. The more of us participate, the more accurate a vision we will have. Then our roadmap that we create will reflect the passion and giftings we collectively have to offer as we go forth as Jesus' hands and feet as the HUMC. In this community, what will HUMC be known as? Oh, they're the church that...

As we continue to nurture our faith and God-connection through Worship, Prayer, and Bible-Study – We celebrate the participation and the blessings of gathering in safe spaces as we responsibly take care of each other. We celebrate the connection with God and each other.

We are in the midst of building a youth lounge in the Gilbert Pierce Room.

We want youth to know - at HUMC there's a place:

To be embraced
To grow and learn
Investigate faith and spirituality
To share your awesomeness

We are here to partner with young folks of all kinds. Together we can face the world. Together we can make a difference in the world. Our October events for youth and family are: Sunday, Oct. 9 @ 6 PM – Family Movie Night and Saturday, Oct. 15 @ 11AM-Hike.

Are you ready for Fun? We will be having our second annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 30th. In addition to Trick-Or-Treat doors, face-painting, prayer tent, food and games, my friends from the Berkshires – Just N Kase Band are joining us at 2 PM. They will be playing classic rock and country.

Put on your costumes and your dancing shoes as we open our doors to the community and let them know we are here for them.

See you in church and other places!
With love, grace and peace,

Pastor Lisa



Birthdays

October:

- 7—Bill Kiner, 4 Abbewood Dr, Enfield CT 06082
- 14—Jacob Duga
- 19—John Fisher 173 Oldefield Farms, Enfield CT 06082
- 20—Polly Brown 4205 Canipe Dr, Charlotte NC 28079
- 21—Ed Butcher 20 Westerly Dr. Enfield CT 06082
- 24—Bobbi Bragan 5 Harding Circle Enfield CT 06082
- 24—Thomas and Frank (Jr) Troiano, 1408 Enfield St, Enfield CT 06082

November:

- 15—Linda Riley 374 SW North Shore Blvd, Port ST Lucie, FL 34986
- 18—Walt Skukowski 47 Grant Rd. Enfield CT 06082
- 21—Linda Borio—42 Schenck Parkway, STE 209 Ashville NC 28803
- 22—Joyce Young 4 Daventry Hill Lane Suffield CT 06078
- 24—Gerry Berozsky 20 Edward St Enfield CT 06082
- 25—Steven Weisel



Scripture Reading:

John 6: 30-35

30 So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ” 32 Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” 34 They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

35 Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Things you Can Plan on

- Prayer on Wednesday at 7pm, in Sanctuary
- AA & CDP call for schedule
- Girl Scouts Monday 6pm
- ECC Mondays 7pm
- Girl Scouts & Boy Scouts Wednesday at 7pm
- Men's Breakfast, Friday at Country Diner Enfield
- Women's Breakfast at Angelina's in Enfield
- Choir Sunday, 8:30am (subject to change)
- Sunday Service—10am!



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The Church's Financial Health

Discussion of this topic is a new idea. Although it makes one uncomfortable, we believe in openness. During COVID we did very well for a church that was shut down. Our costs dropped: electricity, oil, paper goods and wear and tear. Now joyously we have reopened and are able to provide a much needed space and services to many. As a result expenses have increased as more supplies are used, the lights are on more, and soon cooler temperatures will require heat in the building.

Because the heating season will soon be upon us, let's highlight fuel costs.

Oil Costs last winter:

\$21,906.58 although we had budgeted on \$15,000.00

the average cost per gallon was \$2.94

This year the heating oil costs are much higher; the average this year will be @ \$4.17/gallon resulting in a yearly expense of at least \$32,000.00

We at HUMC have much to be thankful for: our new pastor, the sound of laughter and song from the children in Here Wee Grow, the joy of those who use the church to enhance the quality of their lives, the opportunities for getting together in prayer and fellowship and the chance to work together to create a vision for the church moving forward. In order to continue and expand the good works, we need to be faithful in our giving.

And to that end we also need to start the Oil Fund. If you can find it in your heart to give an extra \$20 and note that it is for Fuel Cost we will hopefully have the extra to cover the budget.

The Warming Center Is Opening Soon. They need these goods. Drop at Church in Box if you can give any!

GOODS NEEDED FOR OVERNIGHTS 2022

Please contact us below if you would like to donate any of the following items.

- Dry Shampoo, Combs and Brushes
- Underwear male/female Size Sm, Med and Lg
- Light clothing (hoodies, flannels, sweatshirts, sweat pants)
- ***Pre-packaged snacks, apple sauce, fruit cups, cup soups and pop top soup
- Instant Oatmeal
- Hot Chocolate, Tea, Instant Coffee, Powder Creamer and Sugar
- Disposable mask
- Cleaning/Sanitizing supplies
- Disposable bowls, cutlery, to-go hot/cold cups
- Large contractor trash bags
- Bus Tokens and Passes
- Restaurant gift cards, i.e. McDonalds, Dunkin Donuts, Wendy's, Chick-fil-a