

The Messenger



April
2024

Hamden Plains United Methodist Church
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203-248-4654

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

Spiritual Sojourns



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.

What does it truly mean to give up oneself? I was speaking with my mother just days ago while grieving the death of my cousin's passing. She said something I've heard a million times. We live to live again and this life is just a journey, a refining fire, making us, preparing us, shaping us and molding us to be exactly who God has made us to be. Now obviously I've heard all this before, but this particular time it hit me a little different. Preservation comes naturally to humans. We want to survive. To die is to lose. The innate response to the possibility shakes us to the core. Hence the word loss. A loss is a deficit, a subtraction based on what was previously had. In this world we thrive on gain. So why would Jesus ask us to lose. Well, I tell you this these past few years I've learned to see the world upside down like never before. Some of the things that we consider great, may very well be small in the kingdom of heaven. I'm praying to lose myself in Jesus. The passage reminds us that, even when fruit falls from the tree, it dies but within that death lies a seed that brings new life. The same illustration was performed when Jesus Died in rose again. "I am the way the truth and the life "had never been made more clear. Life everlasting, so I'll ask you. What fruit are we bearing? What seed are we carrying?

I Challenge you and myself this day to die to self and I pray that the resurrection power of the Trinity will rest, rule and abide in us.

Always Grace,
Pastor J

- Sunday Worship Service 10: 15 am
- Office Hours
9:15am - 12:15pm
Tuesday, - Friday

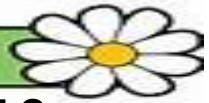
STAFF
Rev. Jeremiah J. Paul
Pastor
Dunn Pearson
Music Minister
Nancy Estes
Secretary
Derrick Pommills
Property Manager

Church
OFFICE CLOSED

From April 16—24

We will be back in the office
on April 25





Hamden Plains United Methodist Church, Hamden, Connecticut

Sunday worship: 10:15 a.m.:

Pastor Jeremiah Paul, preaching

Services will be available at

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

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

with thanks to Dunn Pearson, Producer

April 7

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scriptures: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133 (UMH 850); 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31.

April 14

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER/NATIVE AMERICAN MINISTRIES SUNDAY

Scriptures: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4 (UMH741); 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48.

April 21

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Scriptures: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23 (UMH754); 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18.

April 28

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

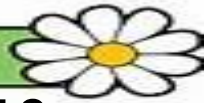
Scriptures: Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 22:25-31 (UMH752); 1 John 4:7-21; John 15:1-8.

Advance reading of the scriptures is an act of spiritual formation.

HPUMC MENS

GOLFING AT SLEEPING GIANT
THE HPUMC MEN ENJOYED A BEAUTIFUL
DAY GOLFING IN HAMDEN. IT WAS GREAT
TIME OF FELLOWSHIP AND FUN. BE ON
THE LOOK OUT FIR THE NEXT EVENT





Easter Sunday. Was a blessing to our beloved community. Hamden Plains UMC worshiped with over 75 people. The spirit of the lord was in the place. Our praise team sang a beautiful rendition of "Oceans" led by our very own Mariah Brantley. The Members of HPUMC Sang the Hallelujah Chorus directed by Terri Bennett. It was marvelous. We enjoyed a beautiful fellowship hour after the service where visitors, members old and new, ate and had fellowship. God be Praised.

He is risen indeed!!



Frances Walker joined Hamden Plains back in 2021. You hardly ever see Frances without Cooper her dog.

Frances sings in our Choir, is part of our Women's Group and is always seen with a huge smile.

Please Congratulate her when you see her.

If interested in attending, see Holly O'Brien or contact the office.

City of New Haven
Department of Elderly Services



You are invited

**2024 SENIOR CITIZEN
 VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD LUNCHEON
 MAY 14, 2024**

This is a time to gather so we may honor and acknowledge the people who have selflessly volunteered their time to enrich and serve the lives of the New Haven senior communities.

11:30AM-3PM
AMARANTE'S SEA CLIFF, 62 COVE ST., NEW HAVEN, CT 06512
MUSIC, DANCING, PHOTOS, LUNCH, RAFFLES AND FUN!
TICKET PRICE: \$45.00

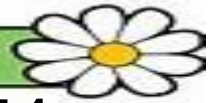
PRESENTED BY:
 THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN
 DEPARTMENT OF ELDERLY SERVICES
 AND
 THE COMMISSION ON AGING

HONOREE: FRANCES WALKER
DIXWELL NEWHALLVILLE SENIOR CLUB

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CANS FOR CONGO



Good Afternoon All,

Please see the attached for drop off and cash pickup for Congo Missions.

Please keep those cans and bottles coming for the Congo Missions

Regards,

DVP



Since are at the end of the first quarter of 2024, I wanted to share that HPUMC so far this has send \$626.20 to UMC Global Ministries to support Mulungwishi Theological Seminary through the HPUMC Cans for the Congo program. This amount reflects \$294.45 collected during 2023 and \$331.75 through March 17, 2024.

I am holding another \$64.75 to send in the next few weeks along with whatever has been collected in the last few days. Now that I have established an account with UMC Global Ministries we can send the missions money as it comes in rather than letting it building up in the church's bank accounts.

It is really a great ministry that Derrick has already collected \$450+ during the first three months of 2024 which is 1.5 times more than what was collected in ALL of 2023!

George



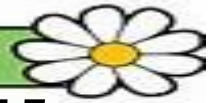
This has been Blessing a true team effort with the HPUMC congregation friends and family !Also being a steward of our neighborhood picking up cans and bottles that will make a difference that have been discarded to help promote God's word and work .

I am so happy to do my part

Regards,

DVP





FISH FRY

Fundraiser

Saturday, April 13, 2024

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

DINNER MENU

Fresh and crispy fish
coleslaw, baked beans

hushpuppies, broccoli bread

dessert and beverage

All proceeds will benefit: Hamden
Plains United Methodist Church

Please contact: 475-201-6160 to order

694 Circular Ave, Hamden for order pick-up

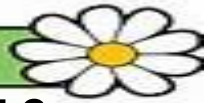
we also DELIVER!!

\$15





April Showers Bring May Flowers



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"SING UNTO THE LORD A NEW SONG. SING UNTO THE LORD ALL THE EARTH" PS. 96

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Spring

CT DISTRICT CONCERT

CT DISTRICT CONTATA,
NEW ROOM MIDSTATE CHOIR,
KENSINGTON UMC PRAISE & WORSHIP,
NEW PRAISE OF HPUMC,
BECKY DOYON, NUMC STEEL PAN BAND,

Saturday, April 13th

Director Rev. Jeremiah Paul | 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM
West Hartford UMC

1358 NEW BRITAIN AVE | WEST HARTFORD | CONNECTICUT



NEW HAVEN KOREAN



KENSINGTON UMC WORSHIP



GLORY CHOIR



NEW PRAISE



Heaven's Gain HPUMC's lost.

We recognize the life and legacy of our own beloved Jean Raccio.

Jean Ann Binkoski Raccio

Jean Ann Raccio, age 88, of Branford, passed away March 11, 2024. Born in New Haven on February 4, 1936, she was the daughter of the late Martin and Jennie (Dujardin) Binkoski. Jean was the beloved wife of Carmine J. Raccio for 60 years; loving mother of Jeanine Affie and her husband Christopher of Cheshire and Kersten Moore and her husband Anthony of Hamden. Jean also leaves her cherished grandchildren, Logan and Lucas Moore and Christian and Jake Affie. A resident of Hamden most of her life, she also enjoyed her summer home in Branford, permanently moving there after retirement. Jean was a Medical Technologist, retiring from St. Raphael Hospital after 45 years of employment. Jean loved to paint and cross stitch with her "Stitch and Bitch" group friends. **She was a member Of Hamden Plains UMC for 75 years** where she sang in the church choir, but what loved most of all was spending time with her grandchild-



NEW HAVEN CHORALE

What a joyful concert we presented on February 17th! With soloist Jeremiah Paul, his youth singers and his brother and sisters joining the New Haven Chorale, Battell Chapel was filled with spirit and energy as the audience sang and clapped and stomped along! Stay tuned for amazing video to be posted soon!



HPUMC Shut in Update

She's doing fine!

This month's shut in highlight goes to **Lois Hartsoe**. She is now our longest standing member. Pastor J made a visit to see her this month and low band behold she was up and competing against her fellow residents in Bowling. Yes you heard it correctly, Bowling. Lois used to compete in her earlier years now that she is a bit limited in her ability to travel she plays against her friends on the Wii console at her residence. She is really good. Undeatable!!



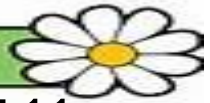
Musical Lessons

Come one come all.

Pastor J continues to give musical lessons to anyone who is interested in learning. This month The Cruz crew were in full effect, putting their efforts in learning basic Drums, Piano and guitar.

For more information contact the office at 203.248.4654 or see Pastor J.





Second Wednesday Women's Group Meeting

April 10

12:00 Noon

Prayer Room

Bring Your Own Lunch

Beverages and Dessert Provided

This month's discussion:





The Second Wednesday Women's Group

DATE: The second Wednesday of each month

TIME: 1:00 pm

PLACE: Hamden Plains UMC Prayer Room

MARCH

The Women's Group March meeting was held the Wednesday before St. Patrick's Day, so our devotion and discussion centered around St. Patrick and his faith. Although we have all heard the legend of St. Patrick driving the snakes out of Ireland, we were surprised to hear that, like David, he was a shepherd. We talked about how both our faith and our traditions work together to bring meaning to the holidays we celebrate. We look forward to our April meaning and its discussion of *Spiritual Spring Cleaning*. All are welcome to join us at 12 noon in the Prayer Room.





Hi friends,

Wanted to say hello to all. Hope you are well. It is a beautiful day today for sure.

Some info on a dreaded word STROKE. I am sure you all know someone who has experienced one and the ramifications left behind.

When it comes to stroke, seconds count. It is a medical emergency that requires a timely response to reduce the damage it can cause when blood flow to the brain is interrupted. Remember the mantra, Time Is Brain.

This is equally important for patients experiencing either an ischemic or hemorrhagic stroke. Each of those types require different treatments.

In ischemic strokes the brain is not getting enough blood and it can die.

In hemorrhagic stroke the patients blood pressure needs to be well controlled and blood thinner effects need to be counteracted to prevent further expansion of the bleeding area.

Ischemic strokes are caused by a clot or vessel blockage. Many patients can be treated with clot busting drugs if the patient gets to an emergency department within 4.5 hours of recognized symptoms. These drugs are given I.V. to break up the clot. There is also a minimally invasive procedure called thrombectomy where the clot is removed, blood flow restored and may benefit the patient if done within 24 hours of stroke onset.

Hemorrhagic stroke is caused by the rupture of weakened blood vessels causing bleeding into the brain. Treatment requires specialized medical and surgical intervention.

As time is of the essence, recognizing symptoms is critical. A convenient acronym to remember is BEFAST which stands for: Balance unsteady

Eyesight changes

Facial drooping

Arm weakness

Speech difficulties

Time to call 911

See you soon

Much love,

Brenda Pineau R.N.

**Bible
Study**



CONNECTIONAL BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP

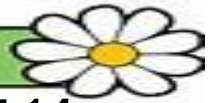
Meets every Tuesday, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. IN PERSON

In the Prayer Room

ALL are welcome.

If Interested, contact Pastor J at 475.331.1122

or pastorjj.hpumc@gmail.com



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 djoseph.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 Melissa, Ruby, Derrick and Holly for sending 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.

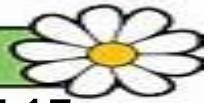
REPORTERS FOR THE MESSENGER:



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.

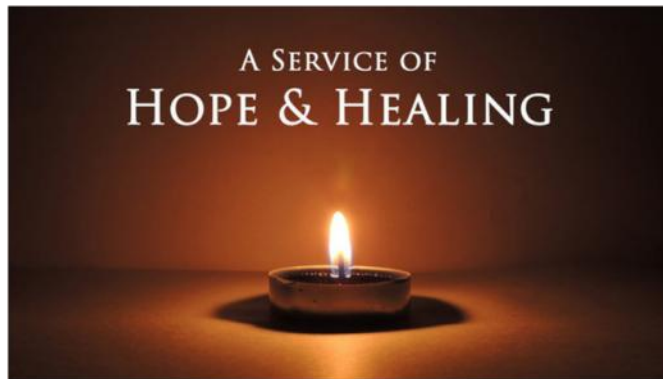


Fellowship Time : Sign-up sheets for HPUMC Fellowship Hour 2024 are now on the doors in the narthex Coffee Corner. Thanks so much for your help in making our Fellowship Hours welcoming for both members and guests.



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.



CHURCH NEWS

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.

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.

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!!



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.

“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

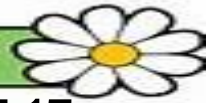


The “May Messenger” deadline is Sunday, April 21st

(always the third Sunday of the preceding month).

NO ARTICLES ACCEPTED AFTER DEADLINE!

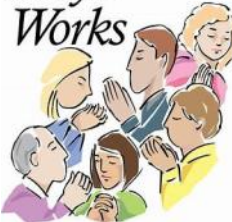
Please submit articles electronically (preferred) to secretary.hpumc@gmail.com or hard copy to Nancy at the church office (Tuesday through Friday 9 :15 am – 12:15 pm) or by USPS at 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Lois Hartsoe, heart issues

Holly Wesman, partner of Karen Sroka, cancer

Please pray for our Church daily



We extend our sympathy to:

The family of Jean Raccio who passed on March 11th. Please keep Carmine, Kersten (Anthony), Jeannine and families in your prayers

May God comfort all the families.



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

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Liturgist	Melissa Paul	Derrick Pommills	Kersten Moore	James Outlaw
Usher	Randi Harrell	Sandra Wade	Holly O’Brien	Derrick Pommills
Fellowship Time		Shelly Jones	Melissa Paul	
Counters	Kirby Stafford Marty Hartog	Lynn Brantley Perjah Delgado	Terri Bennett Kersten Moore	Kirby Stafford Marty Hartog



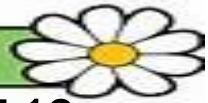
- 6th Frank Teodosio
- 10th Martha Mathewson
- 19th George Joseph
- 20th Melissa Craine
- 20th Nolan Estes
- 22nd Mary Erdmann
- 23rd Rick Erdmann
- 25th Morgan Collins
- 25th Preethi Varghese-Joseph
- 26th Janet Sroka
- 28th Kayla Cameron
- 30th Mark Atwood

Anniversaries

- Conrad & Heather
- 10th Estes 2016
- John & Charlotte
- 17th Sroka 1982



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SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Prayer Team 11 am	4 SPRC 7:30	5	6 Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7pm
7 10:15 am Worship	8	9	10 Prayer Team 11 am Women's Group 12:00	11 7:00p.m. Admin Team	12	13 Fish Fry Fundraiser CT District Spring Concert West Hft UMC Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7pm
14 10:15 am Worship	15	16	17 Prayer Team 11 am	18	19	20 Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7pm
21 10:15 am Worship Messenger Deadline	22	23	24 Prayer Team 11 am Hope & Healing Prayers 1 pm	25	26	27 Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7pm
28 10:15 am Worship	29	30				



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