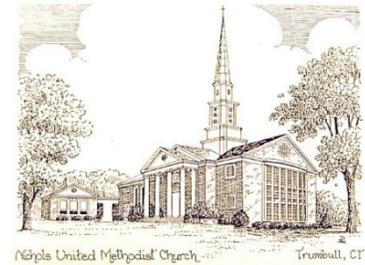


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Seeing God in New Ways - by Pastor David Piscatelli

NRS John 20 (selected verses): Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb...¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb..., she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher)...¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her..

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb looking for Jesus, and when she got there nothing was as expected. The stone had been rolled away and Jesus was not in the tomb. When Mary turns and sees Him, she thinks He is the gardener. Stuck in her grief and confusion, she doesn't recognize that God's work in the resurrection of Jesus is right in front of her. Only after Jesus speaks her name, does she finally see Him in a new way. He is no longer Jesus the crucified; He is the resurrected Son of God. From that point on, Mary, the disciples, and the whole world see God in new ways.

During this Lenten season, our theme has been *Seeing God at Work Today*. Each week our Lenten Devotionals, Bible Study lessons, and sermons, have invited us to consider where God is at work in our lives today. God is still changing hearts, giving us strength in difficulties, and transforming lives. Our challenge has been to go deeper and reevaluate our understanding of how God is truly at work in the world today. And as we approach Easter and the weeks beyond, we are reminded that resurrection is about new life, new growth, and new opportunities.

Now that the risks due to the COVID pandemic are declining, we move toward restating many of the programs that have been paused. In many ways, it feels like the dawn of a new day. Easter worship will take place in the sanctuary for the first time in three years, and our homebound members will be able to attend online! Our UMW luncheons are allowing actual food to be consumed on premises, and our Sunday morning Bible Study with Dave Preusch is back to being in-person. Many of our committee meetings remain on Zoom to allow people to attend who are watching young children or have moved far enough away to make it difficult to attend in person. Church School continues to add more kids as our families feel more comfortable with in-person gatherings. Yet many of our programs haven't restarted or gained much traction. While our 10am service continues to grow towards its pre-pandemic levels, our 8am service with communion and 9am contemporary service have not resumed. Fellowship events will need to be reimaged as will some of our outreach ministries. Our church leaders continue to look at the challenges before us as opportunities—opportunities for us to see God working in new ways in our church. How can we be more welcoming and engaging in our town and our communities? How can we rework our ministries to be sure they are meeting the needs of our existing congregation while offering a meaningful experience to new people? How can we help others see God in new ways? In other words, where is God leading us in the next 18 months?

As we embark on the last days of Lent and journey with Jesus through Palm Sunday to the crucifixion on Good Friday, may we use this time to become part of the resurrection story. When Jesus is Risen, everything becomes different. Jesus' appearance has changed, the disciples have new challenges, and the world now resides in the post-resurrection timelines. The same is true of us today. God is doing something new. I don't know what is in store for us, but I know and trust that God is taking the lead. May it be a time when we all see God in new ways. ~Grace & peace, *Pastor David*



Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday - April 10th

10am - A celebration of the Passion of Christ and a procession of the palms led by our Church School kids.

Maundy Thursday - April 14th ~ In Person & Zoom

7pm - A celebration of the Last Supper in the sanctuary

Good Friday - April 15th ~ In Person Only

12 noon - Community Ecumenical Service hosted by Nichols UMC and sponsored by the Trumbull Interfaith Council

Easter Sunday - April 17th

6am - Sunrise Service in the Gazebo at the NIA Field, led by Pastor David

10am - A celebration of the resurrection with communion



Parking - Easter & Palm Sundays

Just a reminder, there are "No Parking" signs along Center St. (which connects Huntington Tpk. and Shelton Rd). Please be a good neighbor and avoid a ticket by parking in available spots in our lot or at the overflow lot at the NIA. Remember, if you come early - you not only get a great parking spot but a great seat in the sanctuary!



9-9:45am Sunday Bible Study ~ In Person

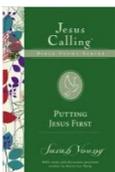
This study is taught by David Preusch and focuses on the books of I & II Kings. This story begins with King Solomon and a unified powerful and influential Israel, which slowly unravels and culminates into a divided kingdom. It is relevant for us today as we live in such divisive times. This is an inclusive group study and no preparation is required, just bring your Bible.



Peace & Prayer: Mid-Week Time of Devotion Zoom - Wednesdays 11:30-

11:45am - **Judy Lang** hosts a brief time of devotion and prayer via Zoom. This will be an opportunity to spend about 15 minutes centering ourselves in reflective thought and prayer. The link for this mid-week centering time can be accessed by clicking here: [Peace](#)

[& Prayer Midweek Time of Devotion](#) OR Dial in: (646)-876-9923, Meeting ID: 366 149 7977, Password: 35#.



8 Week Study *Putting Jesus First* -Via Zoom:

Tuesday Evenings 7-8pm - OR Thursday Mornings, 9-10am

Pastor David leads a Lenten study *Putting Jesus First*. This study, from the author Sarah Young who wrote *Jesus Calling*, will explore what it means to place Christ first in every part of your life-and rely on Him in the busy times, anxious times, uncertain times, and lonely times.



All Aboard everyone! Get your boarding passes ready for the month of April because we will be celebrating Easter and traveling on our imaginary train to different stops to learn more about Jesus and all that Jesus has done for us. Our 4 week series titled **Did You Know?** focuses on Easter and lessons from the New Testament. Each week with videos, games, scripture, and group activities, we will answer the following questions:

Did you know we can love Jesus more than anything?

Did you know Jesus is king of everything?

Did you know Jesus is alive?

Did you know we can trust Jesus?

We still have so much to learn and do on our faith journey. Please join us for this very special month as we celebrate Easter and grow closer to God.

Reminder: The Church School kids will lead a procession of the palms on Palm Sunday, April 10th. There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday, April 17th; we encourage all our families to attend Easter service together. Blessings ~ *Debbie Redin & Madison Mascola*

NUMC Youth Group

Thanking God for the warmer weather and the beauty that surrounds us in the spring. March was a fun month for us. We had our Winter Retreat, and I am so glad that some of the youths were able to attend. The theme of the weekend was called "In Real Life" and it was a great weekend. We talked about God and His great big love for each and every one of us. God CALLS You - God SEES You - God KNOWS You - and God LOVES you. How might ALL OF OUR LIVES be different if we ALL truly believed how much we are loved by our Father with an unconditional love?

We also starting to meet at church in our old space. Woot, woot!!! And we can eat indoors together. If you know anything about youth group, then you know how important food is to all of us. If you would like to provide a meal for us, we would greatly appreciate it. Please give me a call or send me an e-mail. As we start to meet in our old space and on a regular night and time. I hope you can all join us once again and bring friends. Have a blessed Easter and if you are doing any traveling on the Spring Break know that I am super jealous, but you should enjoy every moment! Safe travels.

April Schedule

April 2nd Bowling - meet at NUMC at 1:30pm (ASP meeting on Sunday)

April 10th Youth group 5 -7pm

April 17th HAPPY EASTER no youth group

April 24th Youth Group 5 - 7pm

April 30th Youth Group Event (to be determined - maybe hike)



Chrissy Ferrante, Youth Director ~ 203.558.7848 ~ chrissy842001@comcast.net



NUMW BOOK CLUB

Did you know the Nichols United Methodist Women have a Book Club? It is a discussion group for readers to come together and talk about books and the reading experience. One Saturday a month the group meets in the Nichols UMC lounge or more recently outside, when possible, to discuss the current reading selection. As a group we research, discuss, and choose the books we'll read. If you have a passion for reading and would like to share it, please consider joining the group. Contact Sue DelVecchio (delvecs523@gmail.com) to be added to the email group.



NUMC Body and Soul Yoga Tuesdays 7:30-8:45pm in Fellowship Hall

Beginner's Welcome!

Come and experience the wonder of yoga.

Meditate, stretch, and strengthen as Laurie leads you through this hour – leaving you rejuvenated, relaxed and stress-free.

\$12 drop-in fee. No class April 19th.

Please contact for more information: Janel Foote 203-521-1714 or ctjanel@gmail.com, or Laurie Trupp, Instructor 203-209-9679 or laurietrupp@yahoo.com

NUMW Hygiene Health Kits

The United Methodist Women invite the congregation to join us in our latest mission project. We will be shopping and creating Hygiene Health Kits for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). These kits provide basic necessities to people who have been forced to leave their homes because of human conflicts or natural disasters here in the U.S. and internationally. It is our hope to make 100 health kits and have them ready for delivery by mid-May. The cost is approx. \$12 each. If you would like to participate in this worthy cause, please mail your check, payable to NUMW with Health Kit in the memo, to NUMC 35 Shelton Rd, Trumbull, CT. We appreciate all donations. For more information, please contact Phyllis Grafton (203-386-8973) or Debbie Redin (203-375-1129). Thank you for your generosity and ongoing support.



48th Annual Greater Bridgeport Crop Hunger Walk Sunday, May 1st - United Congregational Church

The walk will start and end at the United Congregation Church, 2200 North Avenue, Bridgeport. It is a 2.14 mile walk in the Bridgeport neighborhood. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised are donated to local agencies such as Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Thomas Merton Center, and Trumbull Social Services. The other seventy-five percent is used by the Church World Service to

fight hunger locally, nationally, and internally, emphasizing self-sustaining agricultural practices. If you and some friends would like to walk, Phyllis Grafton can provide more information. Please make checks payable to NUMC with CROP in the memo. Thank you for your support.



In light of the continued coronavirus pandemic, we thought this was a good article to remind everyone about the importance of stress reduction. It has been over two years of disruption in our lives. We hope you enjoy Easter with some family and your church family, hopefully in person this year.

BP Screening: On Hold **Grief Support Group: On Hold**

APRIL HEALTH TIP from the American Heart Association

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Healthy for Good™

FIGHT STRESS WITH HEALTHY HABITS

- 1. Slow down.**
Plan ahead and allow enough time to get the most important things done without having to rush.
- 2. Snooze more.**
Try to get seven to nine hours of sleep each night. To fight insomnia, add mindfulness and activity.
- 3. Let worry go.**
The world won't end if a few things fall off of your plate. Give yourself a break and just breathe.
- 4. Laugh it up.**
Laughter makes us feel good. Don't be afraid to laugh out loud, even when you're alone.
- 5. Get connected.**
A daily dose of friendship is great medicine. Make time to call friends or family so you can catch up.
- 6. Get organized.**
Use "to do" lists to help you focus on your most important tasks and take big projects one step at a time.
- 7. Practice giving back.**
Volunteer your time or spend time helping out a friend. Helping others helps you.
- 8. Be active every day.**
Exercise can relieve mental and physical tension. Find something you think is fun and stick with it.
- 9. Give up the bad habits.**
Too much alcohol, tobacco or caffeine can increase blood pressure. Cut back or quit to decrease anxiety.
- 10. Lean into things you can change.**
Make time to learn a new skill, work toward a goal, or to love and help others.

Learn more at heart.org/HealthyForGood

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**“We thank you Father that you see and care for each one of your children.” Max Lucado
God Bless You All! Your Parish Nurses**



April 1 Suzanne Lucas
April 2 Avery MacDonald
April 3 Cindy Kopf
April 3 James Mellinger
April 5 Gregory DelVecchio
April 5 Ryan Roberts
April 7 Rebecca Rehm
April 8 Gloria Figerle
April 8 Payton Motyl
April 8 Kyle Roberts
April 8 Riley Wade
April 9 Kristian Schif
April 9 Donato Stagnetta
April 10 Joann Briganti
April 11 Ashton Claydon
April 11 Sandy O'Neill
April 11 Holly Piscatelli
April 12 Lonny Bauer
April 12 Gavin Weir
April 13 Trevor McMahon
April 13 John Pfohl Jr.
April 14 Brian Foote
April 14 Susan J. Graham
April 14 Jude Maltas
April 14 Lila Maltas
April 15 Brandon Owen
April 16 Caryn Hammond
April 16 Jackson Pond
April 16 Norman Wilson
April 17 Caitlin Edvardsen
April 17 Ruth Liptak

April 18 Hannah Steigler
April 19 Joseph Monks
April 19 David R. Moore
April 20 Julia Monte
April 21 Gregory Coe
April 21 Albert Pfannkuch
April 22 Abigail Holmes
April 23 Kay Curtis
April 23 Madelynn Ferris
April 23 Tessa Speaks
April 24 Curtis Gaulin
April 24 Dawn Pfohl
April 24 James Seuch
April 26 Valerie Collison
April 26 Gregg Ferris
April 26 Steve Holmes
April 26 Liz Marcus
April 26 Caden Sapia
April 26 Russell Schif
April 27 Randy Chase
April 27 Mason Mascola
April 27 Grace Pedersen
April 28 Jack Forde
April 28 Angela Gorton
April 28 Bob Lydiksen
April 28 Louise MacCormack
April 28 Brent Minty
April 29 Savannah Ferrante
April 30 Isaac Berkowitz
April 30 Sam DiVasto
April 30 Douglas C. Doyle

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd...	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Every Sunday 9 AM Bible Study (not Easter) 10 AM Worship w/nursery care and church school 11 AM Coffee Hour		MDO 2 - 9:30-1:30 Tue, - Fri MDO 3 9:15-1:45 Tue & Fri NO MDO 4/15, & 19-22				8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship @ Lang's home 1:30 PM Youth Group Bowling
9 AM Confirmation Class 5 PM Sea Scouts 6:45 PM ASP Mtg 7 PM AA	6 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Staff Parish Relations Mtg - Zoom	9:30 AM Memoir Writing 5:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Bells 7:00 PM Lenten Study - Zoom 7:30-8:45 PM Body & Soul Yoga	9:45 AM UMW Ex. Bd. Mtg. 11:30 AM Peace & Prayer w/Judy - Zoom 7 PM Boy Scouts 8 PM AA	9 AM Lenten Study- Zoom 10 AM AA 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7-10 PM Footsteps		8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship @ Lang's home
Palm Sunday 9 AM Confirmation Class 5 PM Sea Scouts 5-7 PM Youth Group 7 PM AA	6 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Worship Committee Mtg - Zoom	5:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Bells 7:00 PM Lenten Study - Zoom 7:30-8:45 PM Body & Soul Yoga	11:30AM UMW Luncheon/ Program 11:30 AM Peace & Prayer w/Judy - Zoom 7 PM Trustees Mtg - Zoom 7 PM Boy Scouts 8 PM AA	Maundy Thursday 9 AM Lenten Study- Zoom 10 AM AA 7 PM Maundy Thursday Worship	Good Friday 12 PM Trumbull Interfaith Committee Good Friday Service here at Nichols UMC	8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship @ Lang's home
Easter Sunday 6 AM Sunrise Service NIA Gazebo 10 AM Worship w/ nursery care - NO Church School 7 PM AA	6 PM Cub Scouts 7 PM Finance Mtg - Zoom	9:30 AM Memoir Writing 5:30 PM AA 6:30 PM Bells 7:30-8:45 PM Body & Soul Yoga	11:30 AM Peace & Prayer w/Judy - Zoom 7 PM Boy Scouts 7 PM ASP Adv Bd 8 PM AA	10 AM AA 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7-10 PM Footsteps		8:30 AM Covenant Discipleship @ Lang's home
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Carole will be on vacation April 18-21.

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Nichols UMW April Lenten Luncheon – April 13th at 11:30am

Our luncheons are back! Nichols United Methodist Women cordially invites all men and women to our luncheon in Fellowship Hall featuring our very own talented Jim Lang. Jim has prepared a very special Lenten program for us. You won't want to miss it. Our times are: 11:30 Fellowship, 12noon Meeting, 12:15pm Luncheon, followed by our special program. If you are not already on our calling list, you may make a reservation by calling June Hoyt (475-319-2656). The cost is just \$6. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. We are all looking forward to being together again! If you have a program idea for the UMW, please contact Carol Steinberg at (203-929-6017). We are always looking for new ways to support our missions. Happy Easter everyone!

Executive Board Meeting: Wednesday April 6th at 9:45am, in the Lounge.



Frozen Unbaked Pies Available

Blueberry and peach pies \$14 each. Also, a limited number of apple pies \$12 each. Call Phyllis Grafton (203-386-8973) to order.