

The Carillon

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Final Words - by Pastor David Piscatelli

NRS Philippians 4:8-9 *Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.⁹ Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.*

The apostle Paul wrote more books of the Bible than anyone else. While they were not Old Testament History, Prophets, Gospels, Psalms or other poetry, his letters were some of the most important documents for the early church. Paul wrote letters to churches he helped start, some that he visited, and some that he never met. Paul sought to help these churches be the people that God wanted them to be. Yet in all things, he always entrusted them to the care of God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Paul was faithful to God's call in his life to bring the message of Jesus everywhere he went and understood that his role was to go to the places where God sent him. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul shares his final words to this faithful church, a church he actively participated in. He challenged them to always think about the things that are pure, honorable, pleasing, and praiseworthy to the Lord. AND keep on doing the things they have learned and received from God - that God's peace would be with them.

I'm certainly not as eloquent as Paul, though sometimes I might be just as wordy. I can't think of a better passage to use in my last Carillon article as your Senior Pastor. These will not be my final words, as I will save those for my sermon on June 25th. I am not your first pastor and now we know I won't be your last pastor. In the United Methodist Church, pastors agree to go to the places where God sends us through the appointment system. That system brought me here in July 2014 and will bring Pastor Albert in July 2023. God was already at work in this congregation when I arrived. We have been through a lot together. We have shared many laughs and joys. We have shared many sorrows and tears. In my time here, we have experienced numerous baptisms, new members, weddings, and fellowship events. We have said goodbye to loved ones, endured a worldwide pandemic, and have seen our denomination begin to split. We have welcomed many new faces into leadership and moved others into new roles that allow them to share their God-given gifts effectively. And through all of those things, we have continued to minister to people in need and reach out to those who sought to have their faith and hope restored. That is answering the call to discipleship.

While many congregations in this area and around the world have struggled to survive, you have thrived! You have been a faithful congregation showing love to one another, to the outside world, and to me and Holly. You have served Jesus Christ with your words and your actions. Yet, God is not done with any of us yet! As we all handle the goodbye and welcome transitions of pastoral changes over the next few months, I leave trusting that God will lead us all to the places and people that need to experience the good news of Jesus Christ. As I mentioned in my Carillon article last month, God is always on the move!

So my friends, I wish you endless amounts of God's peace!! Continue to strive to be the people that God wants you to be! I pray that under Pastor Albert's leadership you will continue the work of Jesus Christ by allowing the Holy Spirit to work in you and through you. Strive to be His excellent disciples that by your words and work others may experience the goodness of God and salvation through Jesus Christ. And may the God of peace always be with you.

~Grace & peace, *Pastor David*



Sundays 9-9:45am Adult Bible Study – In Person

This study is taught by David Preusch and meets in the Numbers classroom. Have you ever stopped and asked yourself just who Jesus is? Why did He appear on earth? And, most importantly, what does that mean for me? The answers to these questions and much more can be found in the Gospel of John and this study will be seeking answers to these questions. This is an inclusive study that includes the reading of short passages followed by questions about the passage for group discussion. Notes on the history and geography of the time and place provide context. There is no homework required but to bring the Bible translation of your choice. If you are new to Bible study and would like a place to start or would like a group setting, the Gospel of John is the place to start!



Sundays 10am The Message Conversation Study – In Person

The Message Conversation study is back and meeting in the lounge after the 9am service. If young families are interested in joining us, please feel free to worship at 9am, stay for the children’s sermon at 10am worship and join us in the lounge when the children go to church school. We are fine with the later arrival! No study guide or homework. Just a discussion of Pastor David’s message. All are welcome! Any questions, please email Caryn Hammond at Caryn3u2d@gmail.com.



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#.



Vacation Bible School – Shine Jesus’ Light Thursday evenings, starting July 6th

Are you looking for a summer activity that will help your family grow closer to Jesus? Then join us for our 2023 Vacation Bible School! Children will learn through Bible stories, fun songs, exciting games, and crafts how Jesus’ light shines in all of us. This Thursday-evening program is open to children in the community ages 4 through graduating 5th grade. VBS 2023 is being offered to all children free of charge thanks to a generous sponsor!

When: Thursday evenings, July 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, August 3rd

Time: 5:30pm – 7:45pm

How to Register: Registration forms can be found in the back of the church on the table, or you may email Mabel Buttress at mbuttressnumc@gmail.com.

Deadline to register: June 22, 2023



Summer is so close we can smell it in the air! This June in Sunday School, we'll learn about Pentecost, see how Jesus is our doctor and greatest healer, and come to understand how God cares for each and every one of us individually! On celebration Sunday, Pastor David will share some of the exciting things we've done in Sunday School this year. We love our kids and cannot wait to celebrate them! I personally want to thank Pastor

David for his support for the past six months. We will miss him dearly and wish him all the best at his new church. ~Blessings, Miss Mabel

Mabel Buttress, Children's Education Director ~ 203-400-0894 ~ mbuttressnumc@gmail.com



Baccalaureate Service

**SAVE THE DATE: Celebration & Baccalaureate Sunday
June 10th - 10am Worship Service**

If you are graduating from high school, college, tech school, or graduate school and would like to be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, please contact the church office by June 5th via e-mail (nicholsmethodist@snet.net). Please include: graduate's name, school and degree/accomplishments.



It is so hard to believe that summer is here. Wow! Even though Youth Group has no seniors this year, I would like to extend a great big CONGRATULATIONS to all our church members and/or family members that are graduating from kindergarten, middle school, high school, college, tech school, or any other sort of program. Good luck and God bless you all on your future endeavors.

We had some fun in May. We attended a show at The Downtown Cabaret, met at church, and enjoyed some time outdoors. On June 2nd, our monthly outing will be at the Trumbull Marquis. We will be going to see The Little Mermaid. We will meet at the theater at 6:40. We will also be meeting on June 11th for our end of the year messy game night. This night is always a lot of fun and I hope your kids can join us. Please check your email during the summer for our upcoming summer gatherings. I have lots of fun ideas in mind.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads out there. Thank you for raising amazing children of God. Thank you for all that you are and all that you do. Have a wonderful summer everyone.



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



Mission of the Month: *Henderson Settlement*

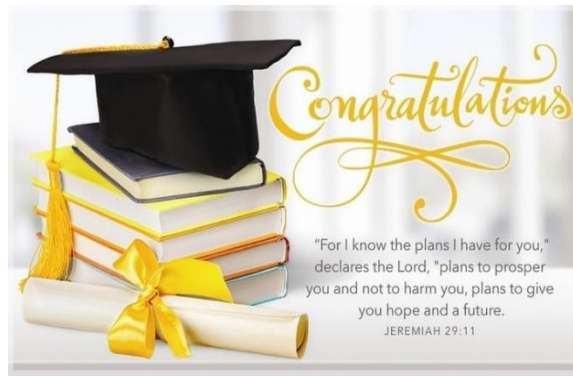
Henderson Settlement began as a result of a murder trial in 1925 in Frakes, KY, when Rev. Hiram Frakes, dismayed at the lawlessness of the people who refused to lay blame for a number of killings in the area, decided to devote his ministry to “the valley people”. With no land or money, he determined to create a school for all children. He went to his bishop, Theodore Henderson, to lay the groundwork for financial support. Land was donated by land owners and a teacher was obtained. Following the birth of the Henderson Settlement School, another school was built and dormitories constructed for orphans and students who lived too far away to walk. These children would do chores to help pay for their education. A community bonded together to build up the Settlement, counteracting the area’s reputation for moonshining and feuding. Later a church was constructed, a farm was started, a nurse and dentists came on board, along with electricity and a dirt road – progress made possible by the Methodist Board of Missions and Churches around the country. To learn more about this organization, visit hendersonsettlement.com. To donate please make checks payable to NUMC with *Henderson Settlement* in the memo. Thank you for your support.



June 1 Sara DiVasto
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June 2 Christal Anku
June 2 Maggie Carley
June 3 Marc Mascola
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June 15 Tess Gorton
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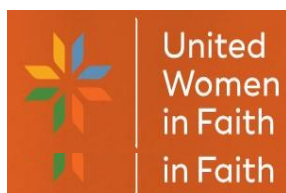
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NUWF June Luncheon ~ Installation of Officers Wednesday, June 14th at 11:30am

NUWF cordially invite all women and men to our very special Luncheon in Fellowship Hall on June 14th. We have much to **CELEBRATE!** The Luncheon will include our **“Installation of Officers”**, **“Presentation of Special Awards”**, and a wonderful musical program by **Greg Horton** featuring his **Men’s Quartet** performing **“Broadway Tunes”**. Our times are: 11:30 Fellowship, 12:00 Installation & Awards, 12:15 Luncheon, and our very special Broadway Musical program. **You got to love Broadway Tunes!** If you are not already on our calling list, you may make reservations by calling Brenda Braun at 203-375-1257. The cost this month is \$8.00 for our extra special lunch with set-ups being provided. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Come be a part of our celebration. This will be our last luncheon until we meet again in September.

Executive Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 7th at 9:45 am in the lounge

UWF Revised Fair Date: Saturday, October 14th ~ donations are now being accepted