

Nichols UMC - 7.06.22 Weekly Nichols' Notes

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Sermon Title: *When God Puts Us to Work*

Give Now - Virtual Offering Plate

Weekly Calendar

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Announcements

Vacation Time - Carole is on vacation July 5th-7th.

Church Office - During the summer the church office will be open Monday - Wednesday from 9:30am-3:30pm. Carole will work from home on Thursdays in July and will be on vacation Thursdays in August. We suggest calling before coming in the afternoons except for scheduled meetings.

Schools Supply Drive - July 10th thru August 7th. Each year Nichols Church takes part in a backpack and school supply drive for children in the Covenant to Care program. A box will be placed in the hallway to Fellowship Hall for your donations of school supplies and backpacks. Our goal is to donate 30 backpacks, each full of supplies. If you are unable to shop for them but would like to donate, checks should be made out to NUMC with Covenant to Care in the memo. Debbie Redin would be happy to do the shopping for you. Please click [HERE](#) for the supply list and more information.

Summer Bible Study: Story of Daniel - Tuesdays through August 2nd from 7-8:15pm. There is much more to the story of Daniel than a den of hungry lions! In the first 6 chapters alone, covering the life of Daniel, there is captivity and deportation,

despotic rulers, troubling dreams, treachery and betrayal, the "handwriting on the wall," and much more. Ultimately it is a story of steadfast faith and the absolute sovereignty of God. We will meet in the lounge for six consecutive Tuesday evening. The study is participatory and includes readings and questions for discussion, biblical and historic context, and relevance to our current day. There is no homework or preparation required. Just come with a bible in whatever translation and format you prefer. All are welcome. Bring a friend. The study will be led by David Preusch (dpreusch@yahoo.com).

Youth Group Events - On Saturday, July 23rd, we are working with Habitat for Humanity. If you are 16 or older please consider volunteering with us. We are also slated for Saturday, September 24th. Sign up on this link for either or both days <http://umc.habitatcfc.volunteerhub.com/> Also, if you haven't heard yet, *Hillsong United* and Kari Jobe will be performing at the Bridgeport Amphitheatre on Tuesday, July 26th. Kari Jobe wrote "The Blessing", which was a very popular song during Covid. Get your tickets here: <https://www.ticketmaster.com/hillsong-united-tickets/artist/1120451> If you have a child in 6th through 12th grade I would love to include you in my invites/updates. Our summer gatherings are always so much fun and it is the perfect time to introduce kids to youth group. For more information contact Chrissy Ferrante at Chrissy842001@comcast.net or 203-558-7848.

Peace & Prayer: Mid-Week Time of Devotion - Wednesdays 11:30-11:45am - Every Wednesday Judy Lang will have a brief time of devotion and prayer via Zoom. During these unsettling times, this will be an opportunity to spend about 15 minutes centering ourselves in reflective thought and prayer. Click [Prayer & Peace](#) for the link for this mid-week centering time (it is the same link as our worship service **OR Dial in: (646)-876-9923, Meeting ID: 366 149 7977, Password: 35#**).

Word & Coffee Thursdays, 9-10:00am on Zoom - Pastor David leads a study on the book Genesis. Come and learn how it all began as we discuss these first stories of God interacting with the created world. Each week we will open in prayer, read the passage, and discuss what we have learned/questioned during our reading and reflection. All are welcome, and you may drop in (via Zoom) any week. If you would like to attend please email pastordavidnumc@snet.net. NOTE: a recorded video version will also available upon request for those who cannot attend the live session.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound...

Barbara Amsden
Ruth Liptak
Judy McAllister

Moment for Mission

Janus Center for Youth in Crisis is the July outreach mission. This is a program of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport to assist young people ages 11-17. The program provides intervention services for youth and their families to deescalate the crisis, reunite families, and keep the youth in school and out of the juvenile justice system. Social workers have regular office hours in eight public schools in Bridgeport and Stratford, and work with the faculty to identify students in need of intervention. They provide a 24-hour youth in crisis hotline, counseling, and referrals to necessary services. The Janus Center has host families to provide short-term respite care for youth who cannot return home immediately and aren't under state care. Two social workers & two college student interns are reaching out weekly to about 60 families. They have provided 10 students with new computers, and ShopRite, Stop & Shop, Subway gift cards have been given to some families to help them provide food for the family. During the month of August they are offering a special computer program that will meet 2-3 times weekly for several hours to help

the students become more proficient with their computers, and be more prepared for another school year. Please make checks to NUMC and indicate "Janus Center" on the memo line. Thank you for your support of this great program.



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