

Nichols UMC - 7.20.22 Weekly Nichols' Notes

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 Nichols United Methodist Church
 Trumbull, CT

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Sermon Title: *Pray...God Is Listening*

Please Click Below for This Week's Scripture Passage:
[Luke 11:1-13](#)

Give Now - Virtual Offering Plate

Weekly Calendar

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Announcements

Church Office - During the summer the church office will be open Monday - Wednesday from 9:30-3:30. 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.

Bulletin Collators - With the return of the three worship services in the fall, we are looking for a few folks that would like to collate the bulletin. It's usually a two person team who commits to collate one Thursday a month. If you'd like to help please email Carole at nicholsmethodist@snet.net or call 203-375-5817. Thanks in advance.

Youth Group - We had a great time at Ellie's house playing corn hole and making s'mores last week! The youth group is meeting on Wednesday, July 27th at 6pm for a pool party. We will meet at the Walsh house. They live at 170 Isinglass Road in Shelton. Bring your suit, a towel, a friend, and something to share (snack, dessert,

appetizer). If you have any questions please contact Chrissy at 203-558-7848. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Fall Fair - UMW would like to know... Are you a church member interested in selling your home-made products at our Fall Fair on October 1st? A limited number of tables are available for a \$50 donation to the fair. If interested, please contact Becky Virgalla at 203-788-2889. Please respond soon so we can plan accordingly. Thank you, United Women in Faith (UMW's new name). Also we are now accepting donations. Please click [HERE](#) to learn more.

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).

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

This month our outreach offering will assist Janus Center. This is a program of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport that assists young people ages 11-17 facing serious problems with their families, schools, or the juvenile court. During a normal school year, the social workers have regular office hours in eight 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 if a youth cannot return home immediately and isn't under state care. They have begun offering parenting classes to help the families learn to manage family issues. They have also begun offering monthly family events to help the families bond. If you'd like to make a donation please make checks payable to NUMC and indicate "Janus Center" on the memo line. Thank you for your support of this great program.



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