

Nichols UMC - 11.09.22 Weekly Nichols' Notes

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Nichols United Methodist Church
Trumbull, CT

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Sermon Title: *Living in Terrifying Times*

Please Click Below for This Week's Scripture Passage:

[Luke 21:5-19](#)

Give Now - Virtual Offering Plate

Weekly Calendar

United Women in Faith

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Announcements & Ministry Opportunities

Mail Fraud - Our church has become victim of mail fraud. Some of our outgoing checks have been stolen and fraudulently cashed by someone who wasn't the payee. In addition, we have become aware of incoming mail, bills as well as church offerings, that have been stolen. At least 7 people that we know of have had checks they've written to the church be taken and cashed. This goes back as far as February & March. Police reports have been filed and investigations are in process. Here is what we need you to do, in the next week you should get a detailed giving statement listing each of your contributions. If something is missing, please contact our Financial Secretary Alan Shafer (Alan.shafer13@gmail.com or 203-816-5154). This does not impact electronic giving through our website, Venmo, or checks placed in the offering plate, but bank BillPay and mailed contributions may be affected. Please pray for those individuals who have done this as well as those of us who are working to figure out how to move forward.

Altar Flowers are needed for December 18th. If you'd like to dedicate flowers please call Becky Virgalla at 203-788-2889 to give her your order information and bulletin dedication. Thank you in advance for helping to beautify our altar on Sunday mornings.

The Trumbull Interfaith Council Annual Thanksgiving Service - It will be held Sunday, November 20th at 3pm at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 100 Saint John Drive, Trumbull. If able, please bring a donation of non-perishable food items for the Trumbull Social Services. An offering will be received for local missions.

Covenant to Care Thanksgiving Baskets - Collection runs through THIS Sunday, November 13th. Thanksgiving is a time for family, food, and generosity. It has been a tradition at Nichols Church to collect food and donate food baskets to families in the Covenant to Care Program. If you would like to participate, there are many ways that you can help. Please click [HERE](#) for more information.

Confirmation Service Project: My name is Maggie Mascola and I am a confirmand this year. For my service project I am collecting new or gently used winter coats to donate to the Bridgeport Rescue Mission. There will be a collection bin in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall. I will be collecting coats until November 13th. Thank you for your support and donations.

Pies - The NUMW is offering frozen unbaked apple crust, apple crumb, apple cranberry and pumpkin pies on Sundays after the service until Thanksgiving for \$14 and \$16 for apple cranberry crumb. A limited number of sugar free apple pies will also be available but must be ordered in advance. Please place orders for pies to be picked up on November 13th and 20th. Please call Phyllis Grafton at 203-386-8973 to place orders or use the form in the Sunday bulletin. It would be appreciated if orders could be prepaid, especially for the November 20th pickup.

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#**). *Please note this has been cancelled for this week, November 9th.*

Word & Coffee Thursdays, 9-10:00AM on Zoom - Pastor David will lead 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 be available upon request for those who cannot attend the live session.

9-9:45AM Sunday Bible Study - This study is led 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 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!

10AM The Message Conversation Study - Please join us in the Lounge for a discussion of Pastor David's sermon. No study guide or homework, just come and join in! All are welcome. Any questions, contact Caryn Hammond at caryn3u2d@gmail.com.

Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound...

Barbara Amsden
Ruth Liptak
Marge Thoma

Moment for Mission

November's mission is for **The School Loan Project**. Real betterment in the world is often driven by students who know how to think big and work hard. The School Loan Project has supported those values with our Honduran education micro loans and pay-back service projects since 1994. 2022 was a big year for Honduras and the Project - we gave out 19 loans and the students returned to in-person classes. Also, Honduras elected their first female president, made some inroads against

corruption, and achieved a 78% COVID vaccination rate. In a conversation recently with several of our students they said *'Its amazing, we have a female president – not many countries can say that! And ours isn't a beauty queen - she knows how to work.'* It's honestly a little uncommon, but so great to hear that kind of pride in their country. Thank you NUMC for helping us build the ranks of proud, big thinking students for 28 great years. If you would like to contribute please make checks payable to NUMC and indicate "The School Loan Project" in the memo.



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