

May 9, 2021 Announcements

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 9 – 6th Sunday of Easter – Mother's Day

10:00 AM – Outdoor Sunday Service – Livestreamed on Facebook

11:30 AM – Coffee Hour - Zoom

Tuesday, May 11

6:30 PM - Prayer meeting

Wednesday, May 12

10:00 AM – Adult Studies

2:00 PM – Book Discussion Group – Church Lawn

7:00 PM – Adult Studies

Thursday, May 13

7:00 PM – Board of Trustees Meeting

Sunday, May 16 – 7th Sunday of Easter – Ascension Sunday

10:00 AM – Outdoor Sunday Service – Livestreamed on Facebook

10:00 AM – Lillian Gomes Baptism

11:30 AM – Coffee Hour - Zoom

12:00 PM – Stearns Service Awards Interviews

Note: All meetings and classes meet via Zoom. Links available at www.amumc.org or contact the church office at 401-333-5203 or office.amumc@gmail.com. A recording of the Outdoor Sunday Service Live Stream is available anytime after 11:00 AM.

Prayer Requests

Prayers for Kim, a single mom who has just been diagnosed with breast cancer.

Meredith Straight continues to recover from her hip replacement surgery in Room 13A at the Grandview Center, 100 Chambers St, Cumberland, RI 02864. They still don't allow visitors but cards and letters can be mailed or dropped off. The phone in her room is 401-405-5182. Her cell phone number is 401-302-0320. She may not be able to answer if she is in physical therapy or at a meal. Meredith is pain free and participating in physical therapy sessions that will continue after her scheduled discharged on Saturday, May 8th. She will return home to 3225 Diamond Hill Rd in Cumberland. No decision has been made yet on the replacement of her other hip.

Please continue to hold my mom, Betty Woods in prayer. She is at Grandview nursing center and she is receiving hospice care from Hope Hospice of Providence. Thankfully, she is stable, comfortable and happy. Sadly, she is at a point where Rich and I can no longer care for her in our home. Anyone who would like to call her is welcome to just remind her who you are, and that you are from our church. This is the direct number for her room (401) 405-5226.

Prayers for Cindy Mauch's friend Kathy who has been diagnosed with colon cancer and will be having surgery in early May.

A prayer of thanks that Fran Carr's sister Carole and brother-in-law Norm have now both tested negative for Covid.

Prayers for Megan Condon and her family on the sudden passing of her father on Monday 4/12.

Prayers for Kim Kloczkowski's aunt, Irene Jones, who is in rehab after a bad fall.

Birthday wishes to Selden Whitcomb who is celebrating his goth birthday on April 8th.

Prayers of gratitude that Mr. Choate in Chicago (a family friend of Kyle Kosnoff's girlfriend) has learned that he is now cancer-free after his treatment. (He was on this prayer list in January.) Many thanks for all the prayers!

Prayers for all those in nursing homes and assisted living facilities who are facing isolation and loneliness, including Selden Whitcomb, Joyce Burrell, Margaret Kelly, Norma Aldrich and John Boutiette.

Church Missions Committee Report May 2021

Note: The various Mission and Social Concern activities continue to be modified or on-hold due to the ongoing health crisis. Please follow the various announcements from the church office as decisions are made to reschedule or readjust these services and programs.

Meals in the Park

The most recent Meal in the Park event was held on Sunday, April 18th. Karen Oswain, the coordinator for this program, expresses deep gratitude for all the help received to implement the meal in the park. The homemade desserts, hot soup, rolled cutlery, cooking the turkeys and making the mashed potatoes were wonderful! Thanks to those for the efficient set up in the park, especially having the kids Aaron, Ben and Tyler join us to help assemble meals. Volunteers distributed a lot of food, in addition to a surprise delivery of an additional 300 ham and cheese sandwiches by a Warwick caterer. One of the guests gave a blessing and sang Amazing Grace. It was a good day in the park. **The next meal is May 16th.** Thank you for continuing to support Arnold Mills United Methodist Church with this mission project. Please call Karen 333-2166 if you have any questions or would like to donate to this wonderful program.

The Franklin Farm Community Garden and the Historic Metcalf-Franklin Farm Preservation Association

If you want to hike and marvel at the wondrous views, the 65-acre property is available for casual open space usage – hiking, dog walking, bird watching and/or kite flying. You can park by the barn complex and enjoy the beautiful outdoor open space. Preparations have begun for the upcoming harvest season. The garden area winter rye grass covering has been tilled under and the vegetable seed and seedling plantings will be done in May. Health protocols are still in place for the safety of the volunteers performing the various tasks at the Farm. Interested in helping out? Check out our website: franklinfarmri.org; or the Facebook page: www.facebook.com/historicmetcalffranklinfarmri/ Any questions, please contact Pam or Chip Thurlow; 401-333-1235, thurlowcp@gmail.com

Cintas Clothing Donation

The Cintas clothing and our church donations to the St. James Episcopal Church Clothing Closet and occasionally to the Community Care Alliance, both in Woonsocket, continue with weather and scheduling permitting. Rob Blais, Rich Bizier and Chip Thurlow are the drivers for the twice or thrice monthly deliveries – the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month.

Dave's Marketplace Day Old Bakery Donations

The Monday, Wednesday and Friday transporting of day old baked goods from Dave's Marketplace at Chapel Four Corners continues to various community organizations! Thanks to Rachel and Elton Odom, Lynne Janke, Lu and Rich Bizier and Chip Thurlow. We could use one or two more volunteers to assist with the Monday deliveries, usually to the Cumberland Senior Center at the Monastery. Please contact Chip Thurlow if you have any questions: thurlowcp@aol.com; 401-333-1235.

Habitat for Humanity

The next Habitat for Humanity project is under development. We will notify AMUMC members when volunteer dates are announced. The fundraising campaign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the West Bay Northern RI chapter will end the first week of May. So donations to AMUMC on behalf of our partner Habitat for Humanity chapter can still be made in time. Any questions, contact Chip Thurlow: thurlowcp@aol.com.

Chip Thurlow,

Chairperson, AMUMC Missions and Social Concerns Committee

Habitat for Humanity 2021 Fundraiser Update

Hi AMUMC Members and Friends,

At the beginning of April, the Missions Committee presented a fundraiser for our partner Habitat for Humanity West Bay and Northern RI Chapter that is celebrating their 30th Anniversary! We have been volunteering with them the past 15 years. Their mission is to renovate existing buildings or create new housing for needy qualifying families. They also renovate housing for qualifying US Military Veterans who are unable to afford upgrades to their homes.

From their organizational information:

Habitat for Humanity of West Bay and Northern Rhode Island is a locally run affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International, a nonprofit, ecumenical Christian affordable housing organization. Habitat for Humanity works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate decent, affordable housing. The houses then are sold to those in need at no profit and with no interest charged.

We only have two more weeks to make donations to this wonderful organization so there is still time to make a donation on behalf of AMUMC. So please submit your donation to the Arnold Mills United Methodist Church and indicate that your donation is for the Habitat for Humanity, West Bay and Northern RI Chapter. We will collect the donations and forward the combined amount to Habitat Directors to assist with their expenses to construct and/or renovate homes for needy families.

We plan to close this donation campaign in two weeks after the end of April 2021.

Any questions, please contact Chip Thurlow, AMUMC Missions and Social Concerns Committee Chairperson. thurlowcp@aol.com; 401-333-1235

2021 Margaret Stearns Service Award

The application date for the 2021 Margaret Stearns Service Award has passed. The Committee will be reviewing the four applicants, conduct interviews and announce the recipients in late May or early June.

Meals in the Park Update

Greetings,

I want to express my deep gratitude for all the help received to put on yesterday's meal in the park. Thank you for the homemade desserts, hot soup, rolled cutlery, cooking the turkeys and making the mashed potatoes. Thank you for the efficient set up in the park, having the kids Aaron, Ben and Tyler join us to help assemble meals. We had a lot of food, (a surprise delivery of an additional 300 ham and cheese sandwiches by a Warwick caterer). We rolled with it and gave almost all of it away. One of our guests gave a blessing and sang Amazing Grace. It was a good day in the park. Our next meal is May 16th.

Warmly,
Karen