



*The Mount Carmel Congregational Church
(A United Church of Christ)
3285 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT 06518*

The Bell Tree **October 2021**

Dear Friends and Members,

We have a new person visiting with us named Angela Saiza Paschal. She is taking a public relations course at Southern Connecticut University and we are her project. She asked me some questions that might help us in marketing our Church.

- What do you think are the key features of our product?
- What is the purpose of our product?
- What is the product made of?
- Who created the product?
- Who distributes the product?

What do you think are the key features of our product?

I think the key features are fellowship, community, education, preaching, prayer, moral development, helping people in need, comfort, challenge, and creativity.

What is the purpose of our product?

Find the Hope – Through Scripture Study

Keep the Faith – Worship and Prayer

Spread the Love – Outreach and Mission

What is the product made of?

The product is made up of people fulfilling their spiritual needs to worship God. We provide services in times of initiation and transition, whether it be Baptism, confirmation, marriage, funerals, or seasonal celebrations.

Who created the product?

Our ancestors through the understanding of God and scripture and community, and with God's inspiration.

Who distributes the product?

The pastor, the congregation, and the Holy Spirit!

Think about how you would answer these questions. I have been with you now for over a year and feel we have come through a difficult time together and look forward to each Sunday to see you and worship with you.

Please let me know if you would like a visit or a call.

Happy Fall Blessings,
Rev. Olivia Robinson

Happy Birthday Wishes Go to the Following:

Gail Traester	October 8 th
Jan Hewitt	October 10 th
Patricia Williams	October 11 th
Deb Wooley	October 12 th
John Spencer	October 14 th
Gil Spencer	October 15 th

If you would like to add your name to our birthday list, you can contact our office administrator Aren by phone or by the Church email. As always, we will celebrate October birthdays on the last Sunday of the month, October 31st, at coffee hour. Feel free to stop by and celebrate with us! ***Note: To clarify, cake will be donated by volunteer staff each month. Cake/cupcakes may be store-bought or baked, whichever is more convenient for volunteers.**

PASTORAL VISITS

If you are planning on having a procedure done at one of the local hospitals, please let Reverend Olivia know so that she can plan a pastoral visit - (203) 248-7408. Hospitals no longer call local churches with information about their patients. The church depends on others letting us know, and we thank you in advance for your assistance.

Our October Worship

For the month of October, we will continue worship in the Sanctuary. Please join us at 10 am for service!

October 3rd, 2021 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Day - Holy Communion
Neighbors in Need Offering

Scriptures: Job 1:1, 2:1-10
 Psalm 8
 Mark 10:2-16
Sermon: “When Bad Things Happen to Good People”
 - Rev. Olivia Robinson

October 10th, 2021 Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 90:12-17
 Hebrews 4:12-16
 Mark 10: 17-31
Sermon: “With God Nothing Is Impossible”
 - Rev. Olivia Robinson

October 17th, 2021 Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Psalm 91:9-16
 Isaiah 53:4-12
 Mark 10:35-45
Sermon: “Are You Able?”
 - Rev. Olivia Robinson

October 24th, 2021 Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Scriptures: Job 42:1-6, 10-17
 Psalm 126
 Mark 10:46-52
Sermon: “Take Heart!”
 - Rev. Olivia Robinson

October 31st, 2021 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Reformation/Reconciliation Day
Halloween
Birthday Celebration at Coffee Hour!

Scriptures: Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Mark 12:28-34
Sermon: “Wherever You Go”
- Rev. Olivia Robinson

From the Treasurer: The Financial update for September will be in the next bulletin. If you have any questions, I can be reached at treasurer@mccucc.com – Ellen

August 2021

Income:	Pledges and Offerings:	\$5,993.00
	Other Income:	\$1,300.00
	Investment Income:	\$7,000.00
	Total Income:	\$14,293.00
	(Partial Proceeds from sale of Parsonage for balance payment on window replacements)	
Expenses:	Total Expenses:	\$16,162.00
Net Income (Loss):		(\$1,869.00)

Animal Blessings

In celebration of Saint Francis Day, we will be holding an Animal Blessing event on Saturday, October 2nd in the Outdoor Grove. All are welcome to attend and have their animal blessed.

Volunteers Needed – Snow Clearing

Winter weather will be here before you know it and we need to gather together a snow-clearing crew. Anyone who feels able and willing to help clear snow around the church property as needed, please call or email Diane Scott at (203) 248-3998 or at dianescott@iname.com. Thank you for your support. We can do it if we are a team!

Volunteers Needed – Church and Hall Cleaning

We are looking for more volunteers to help with cleaning the church and parish hall. No experience necessary. Please contact Noelle Ioime for more information or if you or any one you know is interested in helping.

Cell: (203) 605-7171

Email: noelle_i@hotmail.com.

Search Committee - Update

The Search Committee would like to announce that the Local Church Profile has been completed. The Profile was completed through the diligent effort of the committee, insight gathered from the survey, the guidance of Pastor Olivia and recommended revisions of Michael Ciba, Team Leader and Southwest Area Conference Minister. Our next step is to write and publish our vacancy on the UCC website for nationwide distribution to be viewed by potential candidates. If you have any questions, please reach out to a member of the committee.

-Eric Grantz

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue on Wednesdays at 7pm over Zoom. Try it out sometime! Learn, laugh, get to know some people better! You can come anytime. We discuss the scriptures I will be preaching on and sometimes it leads to discussions about many things. We also tend to end in prayer if you need some extra prayer!

-Rev. Olivia

Outreach

It may be October on the calendar, but it is not too early to start thinking about our Thanksgiving baskets or our Christmas gifts we collect. I have already bought 30 bags to collect our Thanksgiving food items.

Once again, we will be able to collect food for the VNA as well as the Keefe Center. The actual food item list will be in the November newsletter and the Sunday worship bulletin as it becomes available.

The VNA was happy to hear we will again be participating in the Senior Gift Run for Christmas. These items are to be left unwrapped. I will have confirmation later this month as to what they are looking for. We can still donate our wrapped items later. I am assuming that Keefe will continue holding the toy drive we donated to also.

More details will follow. As always, monetary donations are extremely helpful to offset purchase of the turkey breasts, food items, and Christmas gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Wooley.

Music Changes For Fall

We are going to start a bell choir using our two octaves of choir chimes. I have found music for various configurations of bell players from four to six. The music is not difficult but must be rehearsed regularly to make a good ensemble. I have four people that have expressed an interest in playing the bells. If you are interested in giving this a try let me know. I think the rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings at 7 pm. This could also change according to the people who want to participate. I'm

hoping that when the mask mandates are lifted and we can sing as a choir again this group will continue. If you have a special talent and would like to sing or play a solo during worship we would love to hear from you. I would be able to rehearse with anyone who is interested. Email me at lyndapedersen@att.net

Tag Sale

The next tag/craft sale is scheduled for October 16th from 9am-2pm. Table spaces are \$20 each. There will be a variety of church craft and tag tables. PLACE will also have their trolley on campus.

There will be food available to purchase, including our famous Cabot Cheese sale, as well as a NO BAKE (monetary donations only) bake sale.

Please call Vera at (203) 239-7135 to make a reservation.

The Craft Committee meets every Wednesday morning at 10:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Thank you, The Craft Committee

Christian Education News

Church school is officially underway and as it stands now, we will be meeting two Sundays per month. The first Sunday of each month, we will all go to church for communion. This month, we will have church school Sunday, October 10th and October 31st.

Unit 2 of our Whole People of God curriculum, begins in the middle of October. The theme is "Sharing God's Dream." The themes of discipleship continue during this unit. We have been in the Season after Pentecost in our church calendar year. This is the longest season of the Christian year which began last May and ends on Reign of Christ Sunday. We will then begin our new year with Advent.

Please help yourself to the flyers on the bulletin board for this unit's background and Bible lessons we will be covering. If you have any questions or concerns about our church school program, please contact Debbie Wooley, 203-248-3047.

Deacons

We are still looking for 2 new deacons. If you or anyone you know would be interested, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Coffee Hour Servers

Now that we are getting back to church and our coffee hour, please continue to use up the Styrofoam supplies. We will eventually switch to paper products but we have an abundance of Styrofoam to use up first.

Thanks, Housekeeping Committee

WE THE PEOPLE:

Since I have come back to my roots in Wallingford, I find I have discovered history I never knew or bothered to know about my town until now. I guess as you get older you start to appreciate "time." So, at this time I am reaching out to all members to take time to find your roots, jot them down, pull out photos, talk it up at the dinner table, and rediscover the blessings you have encountered having the privilege of knowing who your relatives are and were. They all played an integral part in what you have become. Sharing is caring, as the saying goes. Words to live by. Don't let time slip by. Time is precious and so are your memories.

Thank You, Bev Churchill

Please submit your stories to bfayechurch@aol.com or mail to
13 Church St, Apt. 3R
Wallingford, CT 06492

GENERAL ANNOUCEMENTS

Joys and Concerns. If you wish to have a joy or concern announced during worship, please forward to them to Aren at mountcarmelchurch1@gmail.com or call the church office at (203) 248-7408.

Parish Hall Rentals. If you or anyone you know would be interested in renting out our parish hall to host a meeting, service, or a small private event, please feel free to contact our office by phone or email for scheduling, rates, and conditions.

Committee Openings. These committees need volunteer members to meet their minimum requirements as specified by the bylaws: Deacons-2 more; Trustees-1 more; Music Committee-3 more. If you would like to try out a committee (attend a meeting with no obligations), please contact the committee chair(s): Leon Fiftal-Music; Bev Jurkiewicz-Deacons; Val Duffy and Diane Scott-Trustees.

Ruth Chose to Stay With Naomi



"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Ruth 1:16



Read Mark 10:35-38, 40-45. Beginning with row #1, go down each row until you come to a dot. Copy the letter at the left of the dot onto the first blank.

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WHERE:

MOUNT CARMEL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
3284 WHITNEY AVENUE, HAMDEN CT 06492

WHEN:

OCTOBER 16TH
9AM-2PM

WHAT:

TAG/CRAFT TABLES!
ARTS AND CRAFTS PROVIDED BY THE P.L.A.C.E. TROLLEY!
FOOD!
CABOT CHEESE!
NO BAKE (MONETARY DONATIONS ONLY) BAKE SALE!
& MORE!

BOOK NOW:

TABLES ARE \$20 EACH AND CAN BE BOOKED BY CALLING
(203) 239-7135

MASKS ARE REQUIRED DURING THE COURSE OF THE EVENT, REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION.

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