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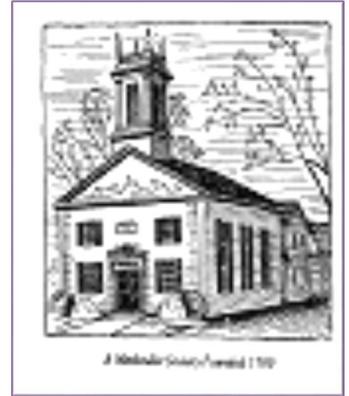


A Message from Reverend Jim Stinson

“Wake up sleepy head.” “Rise and shine.” “Quit moping and act as if you are still alive.” “Watch where you are going.” I heard these expressions more than once as a kid. Sometimes they were said in love, sometimes in anger, and sometimes mindlessly. I recall using them myself. Why have I been thinking of them in recent days? Because I have been reading Annie Dillard’s book, *The Abundance*, in which she talks about “waking up” as a spiritual necessity. She senses that we miss so many of the world’s wonders because we are simply not awake to them. She says “waking up” takes time and determined practice, noting that “*I woke up in bits, like all children, piecemeal over the years. I discovered myself and the world, and then forgot them, and rediscovered them again.*”

That comment hit me as descriptive of my spiritual journey. There are times of being aware of the world around me, and times of unawareness. There is so much delight and good all around me. The world is abundant with natural beauty and everyday wonder that often goes unnoticed. Life is a gift, best enjoyed when awake. My faith and my spirituality call me to wake up. It calls me to see beyond the “everydayness,” the routine, the easily recognized problems. It calls me to notice, alongside them, the abundance of *every* day. That

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## Church Calendar

Church Council-Oct. 21,  
11:30

Choir Practice-Oct.  
7,14,21,28-8:45

Turkey Dinner-Nov. 3 ,6:00

Craft Fair-Nov. 10, 10-3:00

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## Jesse Lee Birthdays



Erin Davis-Oct. 11  
Ted Hendrie-Oct. 14  
Jeanne Stonoha-Oct. 16  
Amy Sabia-Oct. 22  
Harold Candee-Oct. 30  
Jeff Candee-Oct. 30  
Fred Candee-Oct. 31

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rekindled awareness has me remembering that my faith, my spiritual journey, lead me to wake to the world around me in which abundant living is found. It leads me to see and love all God's gifts. It calls me to remember who I am and who it is that dares me to embrace life, the good and the bad, the wanted and unwanted. It calls me to wake up and remember the one who said: ***I came that they (you and I) may have life, and have it abundantly.*** When I fall asleep to that promise, the darkness takes over. When I awaken to that promise, the light shines, the world again reflects its **abundance**.

The Scriptures frequently mention waking and staying awake. One, of the favorite people in my family's life, Auntie, often admonished us to clean ourselves and our home every night because: ***"You never know when the Lord is coming."*** I am more awake these days to a less literal and deeper meaning of her words. I never see how abundant life really is unless I am awake to the promise of eternity breaking into the temporal. ***Lo, I am with you always. I have come so that you may have abundant life.*** ðWake up sleepy head.ö ðRise and shine.ö

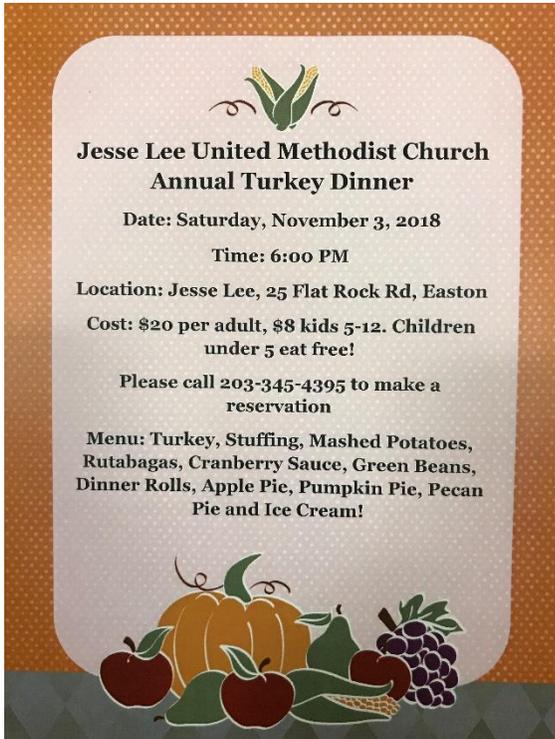
## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Day was celebrated on Oct. 7, a day of focus on Christian unity and the power of God in Christ to unite us. This unity and power is made visible, despite our differences, as Christians around the world celebrate Holy Communion and worship centered on our common concern for one another and the world and its need. The observance also reminds us that all, not just the Church, are bound together by our common humanity. Our special offering gathered by the children of the church will be used to advance different ethnic groups to develop leadership skills through scholarships and in-service programs.



# November at Jesse Lee

## Turkey Dinner-Nov. 3 6:00



## All Saint's Day-Nov. 4



The names of those to be remembered must be in the church office no later than October 30.

## Holiday Craft Fair-Nov. 10 10 am-3pm

Jesse Lee United Methodist Church will host its 3rd Annual Holiday Craft Fair on November 10, 2018 from 10am-3pm. Local artisans will feature handmade household goods, pet products, jewelry, candles, bath and body products, purses, seasonal items, and more! Lunch and dessert will be available for purchase. Our Kidsø Craft Corner will keep little ones engaged with a craft. Support homegrown businesses and shop for everyone on your holiday gift list! Free admission. All are welcome! For more information, call 203-372-8250 or visit [jesselee.org](http://jesselee.org)



# In the Community

**THE POWER OF BOLD**  
FAITH. HOPE. LOVE IN ACTION.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO A**  
Connecticut District United Methodist Women Event  
Speaker: Ebony Diaz, UMW National Office  
*UMW 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*  
*"Where Do We Go from Here?"*  
See and Hear some of the Experiences of UMW Assembly  
*Feel free to bring your favorite finger food to share!*

**Sunday**  
November 11  
2018 3:30 PM

Golden Hill UMC  
210 Elm St.  
Bridgeport, CT

Please RSVP by November 7<sup>th</sup> to:  
Golden Hill UMC at 203-336-0152  
or  
Pat Knebel at 203-913-7627

## BRIDGEPORT READ ALOUD DAY



Each year volunteers spread the joy of reading to Bridgeport Elementary School Students through the Read Aloud program. Suzanne Herlihy, Susan Rozelle and Andree Halcott participated in this year's Read Aloud day. Andree is one of the 450 volunteers who serve as mentors, book buddies and tutors on a regular basis. She has volunteered at Curiale School for many years. Howard Collis was also a regular volunteer at Curiale.



The Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport's Center for Food Equity and Economic Development (FEED) builds community wealth through innovative food-based initiatives. Their newest project is a social enterprise production kitchen where they make healthy prepared and packaged foods using recovered produce that would otherwise have been thrown away. The FEED product line offers their culinary training graduates another level of training by providing hands on experience to inform the launch of their own food businesses.

## FEED Center Foods Available for Purchase!

Aditi Goswami, CREATE program manager and three CREATE graduates have developed recipes that are available for purchase on our CCGB website. Many of them make great hostess gifts, Christmas gifts, or awesome and easy lunches for your school children~



Our products are easy to order online

- <https://feedbridgeport.ccg.org/feed-bridgeport-store/site/>. 203 334-1121 X 16

Orders can be picked up at The Council's offices on Fridays, between 12 and 2pm.-1718 Capitol Ave. Bridgeport. All proceeds from the sale of these products will support our CREATE culinary training program that provides food industry skills for low-income area

residents.

Please follow our progress on CCGB's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), or at FEED Marketplace [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages!

Products currently available include:

Aditi's Spiced Roasted Eggplants- 16 oz-\$6.00

Aditi's Tomato Chutney-8 oz-\$8.00

Feed Seasonal Soup-Curried Summer Squash with Cilantro- 16 oz-\$6.00, 32 oz-\$10

Nelly's Sofrito Cooking Base-16 oz-\$6.00

Nelly's Spanish Rice-16 oz-\$6.00

Nore's Encurtido Columbian Salsa-16 oz-\$6.00

Nore's Potato and Cheese Empanda's-8 pack \$12.00

Nore's Roasted Pepper Dip-10 oz-\$6.00

Victoria's Apple Cake-16 oz-\$8.00

Victoria's Banana Bread 16 oz-\$8.00

# Shredding Day Sept. 22, 2018

Thank you to everyone who helped make this event the best ever for Jesse Lee UMC. The church grossed \$2219.50 and netted \$1719.50 for the shredding and the bake sale.

Those who contributed to success behind the scenes and on the day were:

Amy McKeon	Steve Wendt	Michelle Wendt
Colleen Monroe	Mike Biafore	Kay Delaney
Pam Raskin	Joelle Johnston	Carrie June
Andree Halcott	Jim Stinson	Barbara Stinson
Laura Biafore	Boy Scout Troop 166	Dean Haines
Brian Sideleau	The Berg Family	Patty Gelineau

Foster McKeon who trimmed the playground before the event

Marilyn Collis for sharing Howard's notes

And thank you to the many church members who stopped by with containers full of documents for shredding or a kind word!



## Prayer Requests raised at worship services



Bruce, Carla Jaffe

Joanne Rawson

Dwight Smith

Ann Martin

Barbara Hamman

Elizabeth Berg

Richard

Greg Swindon

Brendan & Stephanie Herlihy

Bratz Family

Barbara Duben

Jane Deus

Marvin Polite

Gene

Dan Ott

Healing for victims of assault

Judy St. Croix

Victims of Hurricane Michael

Congolese Family



# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

Sept. 9, 2018

- Celebrations/Concerns  
Suzanne Herlihy has retired. Luella Ostrofsky celebrated another birthday, 100 years plus! Rev. Brian Brodt performed a wonderful service while Stinsons were on vacation.
- Pastor's Report  
The Easton ACTS team continues to work with the Congolese family. Things are progressing well but there are many cultural challenges for the family. There is a special conference resource day scheduled for the end of September with a focus on growing small churches.
- Finance Committee  
Finance report showed a net deficit of \$2685.30 for the month.
- Urgent Business  
The Day Care Center lease agreement continues to be reviewed by council members. Radon testing has been deferred to November. We will research utility expenses to determine a monthly amount for the center. A property history questionnaire needs to be completed.  
Michelle will make arrangements for soil delivery to fill in areas around the driveway and sink area behind the church.  
Jim is getting estimates for railings for the driveway and the front of the church.  
Alarm notification list has been updated.  
Flower sponsorship system appears to be working.
- New Business  
Sunday School will begin in two weeks. There is a need for reinforcement for Sunday school staff and parents will be asked for their assistance with some degree of frequency. Michelle will coordinate a kick off breakfast.  
Easton Boy Scout Troop 66 is considering transferring their charter to Jesse Lee. There was support for this but there may be some storage requirements that will need to be addressed.  
Shredding Event is on track with a need for some additional volunteers.  
Turkey dinner seems to be on track but will confirm with Laura.



**Safari John, Florida, and Rachel all dressed up for Safari's doctor's appointment!**

If you know the address for someone on this list, please let us know no later than October 31. We are updating our membership list.

**No Address**

**Anton, Judith  
Banthin, Lynda  
Banthin, Christopher  
Baum, Marianne  
Berk, Andrew  
Blomberg, Gary  
Blomberg, Ginger  
Blomberg, Katrina  
Currier, Christopher  
Currier, Patrick  
Dammerman, Patricia  
Dammerman, D. David  
Dammerman, Heath  
Dearborn, George  
Derourian, Ara  
DiSalvo, Carla (now Mazetsky)  
Dobkkowski-Joy, Alexandra  
Eastwood, John  
Englund, Carl  
Fensky, James  
Fletcher family  
Garcia family  
Geane, Arline  
Harrel, Julie  
Hirsch, Erika  
Honeycomb, Carmeleta  
Hummerstone, Norma  
Kost, David**

**Kost, Kevin  
Lane, James & Patricia  
Leonard, Mary  
Lovett family  
Haraske family  
Melton, Pamela  
Mercedee, John & Lorraine  
Monteleone, Lisa  
Mortimer, Glenn & Elizabeth  
Nelson, Kim  
Obando, Rodrigo  
Paez, Jacqueline  
Phoenix, Donna  
Petrello, Albert  
Petrello, Brian  
Plain, Robert  
Plain, Jeffrey  
Planas, John  
Reed, Marilyn  
Roffman, Wendy  
Schettino family  
Sealer family  
Sedlacek family  
Shylo family  
Stanat, Emily  
Stevens family  
Thomas, William & Grace  
Thomas, Andrew & Deborah  
Thornton, Deborah  
Travis family  
Turchuk, Pamela  
Tyler, Carol - family  
Unger, MaryAnn Candee  
Wehrli, Stephanie**