

St. John's is Mask Optional: Masks are not required in our church buildings - with one exception. In order to provide a safe space for those who require or desire it, the balcony will remain "mask required" during worship services. This policy will be reviewed regularly by the Church Guidance Team.

This Week's Calendar

Today, 8/4	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	9:30 AM	Worship (S)
	10:30 AM	Coffee and Fellowship (HH/K)
Mon, 8/5	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	1:00 PM	Stitch and a Prayer (HH)
	6:45 PM	Recovery Group Meeting (HH)
	7:00 PM	Women's Book Study (WR1)
Tues, 8/6	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	7:00 PM	Sisters Group (Zoom)
Wed, 8/7	8:30 AM	Early Risers (McConnell Center)
	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
	6:00 PM	Boy Scout Leadership Planning
Thurs, 8/8	9 AM - Noon	Office Open
Fri, 8/9	Office Closed	Pastor's Day Off
Sat, 8/10	9:00 AM	Emmaus Team Training (HH/K/WR)
Sun, 8/11	8:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal (S)
	9:30 AM	Worship (S)
	10:30 AM	Fellowship and Refreshments (HH/K)

Hartford Hall, Sunday School, Wesley Room, Nursery, Sanctuary, Kitchen
(HH) (SS 2,3,4,5) (WR 1,2,3) (N) (S) (K)

WELCOME PACKETS - Feel free to take/share one of the Welcome Packets that are in the Narthex. These are great resources for newcomers!

COFFEE HOUR - Can you help? Sign up in Hartford Hall.

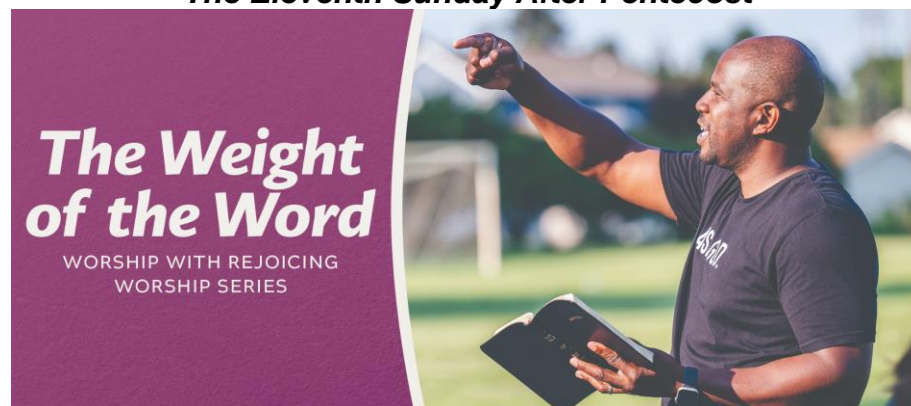
ALTAR FLOWERS - Sign-up poster in Hartford Hall. Contact Sheila Marquette with questions.

THANKS FOR THE POTS! - Many thanks for all the plant pots donated to propagate plants for next Spring's Fair. We have plenty and don't need any more at this time. Look for the new plants next Spring!

St. John's United Methodist Church

August 4, 2024

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost



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Rev. Carroll Moore and Rev. Les Pettit, Ministers Emeriti
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Brianna Tarleton, Assistant Director of Music
Jeff Mitchell, Organist
Patty Hoogeveen, Accompanist
George Reagan, Percussionist
Andy Galt and Guy Eaton, Carillonners
Larry Holman, Lay Leader
Elizabeth Small, Liturgist
Janet Warfield, Acolyte
Linda French & Jana Marie Whitten, Healing Team
Jana Marie Whitten and Wanda Winnicki, Deaconesses
Rev. Dr. Jaqueline Brannen, Superintendent, Granite District
Rev. Peggy Johnson, Interim Bishop, New England Conference

* - Indicates please stand if comfortable doing so
UMH - United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS - The Faith We Sing

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Order of Service

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Pastor Jeff Hunt

Call to Worship

Elizabeth Small

One: Family of God, what is our story?

**Many: We are part of God's good creation,
created and sustained by the Triune God.**

One: Family of God, what is our story?

**Many: Though created by our loving God,
we have sinned and harmed ourselves, one another,
and creation.**

One: Family of God, what is our story?

**Many: While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus
to show us how to turn away from sin
and toward the love of God.**

One: Family of God, what is our story?

**Many: We carry the weight of the Word in our hearts, our hands,
and our voices,
proclaiming with our lives the good news of God's love
and the mercy of God's grace.**

One: Family of God, this is our story and our song!

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

-Written by Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024.

***Opening Hymn**

UMH 363 (Purple)

And Can It Be that I Should Gain

Prayer of Confession

On Screen

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You

Althouse

Message

The Weight of the Word

Pastor Jeff

***Hymn of Response**

UMH 357 (Purple)

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor: The Lord be with you. Congregation: And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Invitation to Give and Serve God

*The fish basket will be down front as you come forward for
communion. There will also be an offering plate in the narthex.*

The Lord's Supper

Our table is open to all who desire to follow Jesus. The usher will indicate when it is time for your pew to join the line in the center aisle. When you reach the front, we will give you a piece of bread to eat, and then a cup of the grape juice to drink. When you are finished, empty cups may be deposited into the slots on the communion rail, and then please return to your seat using the side aisles. If you would like to kneel at the rail for a time of personal prayer and meditation, you are welcome to do so. If you wish to receive the ministry of anointing or laying on of hands, stop at the end of the rail nearest the piano. After all have received, we will sing UMH 405, *Seek Ye First (V.1)*.

***Closing Hymn**

UMH 620 (Purple)

One Bread, One Body

Blessing

Music as We Leave

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

All are invited into Hartford Hall immediately following this morning's worship service for fellowship and refreshments. Hartford Hall is the building to your right as you exit the sanctuary.