



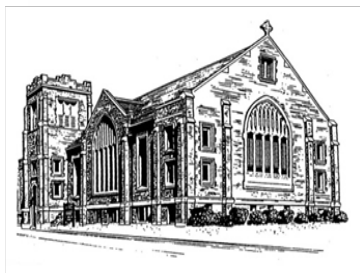
The Messenger

Hamden Plains United Methodist Church
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The mission of the Hamden Plains United Methodist Church is sharing God's love by creating a safe and welcoming community, connecting people's needs with God's power, and reconciling divisions through Christ.

- Sunday Worship Service 10:15 am
- Sunday School cancelled
- Office Hours
9:00am - 12:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

STAFF

Rev. Dr. Brian Bodt,
Pastor

Nancy Estes
Secretary

Corbin Beisner
Organist/Pianist

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Dear Hamden Plains Church community,

I'm not much of a poet, either in writing or reading. But this text, recently brought to my attention by our Superintendent, Dr. Sylvester, and to his attention by our mutual colleague, the Rev. Tisha Branch, particularly caught my imagination.

While it was originally written as a birthday gift to Oprah Winfrey, there is a timelessness about it that has caused it to be shared in other venues. It spoke to me both in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and for our young people who are graduating and embarking on new paths. There is inspiration here for us all.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Brian Bodt

"continue" by Maya Angelou

On the day of your birth
The Creator filled countless
storehouses and stockings
With rich ointments
Luscious tapestries
And antique coins of
incredible value
Jewels worthy of a queen's
dowry
They were set aside for your use
Alone
Armed with faith and hope
And without knowing of the
wealth which awaited
You broke through dense walls
of poverty
And loosed the chains of
ignorance which threatened to
cripple you so that you
could walk
A Free Woman
Into a world which needed you
My wish for you
Is that you continue
Continue
To be who and how you are
To astonish a mean world
With your acts of kindness
Continue
To allow humor to lighten the
burden of your tender heart

To let the people hear
the grandeur
Of God in the peals of your
laughter

Continue

To let your eloquence
Elevate the people to heights
They had only imagined

Continue

To remind the people that
Each is as good as the other
And that no one is beneath
Nor above you

Continue

To remember your own
young years
And look with favor upon
the lost
And the least and the lonely

Continue

To put the mantle of your
protection
Around the bodies of
The young and defenseless

Continue

To take the hand of the despised
And diseased and walk proudly
with them

In the high street

Some might see you and
Be encouraged to do likewise

Continue

To plant a public kiss of
concern

On the cheek of the sick
And the aged and infirm
And count that as a
Natural action to be expected

Continue

To let gratitude be the pillow
Upon which you kneel to
Say your nightly prayer
And let faith be the bridge
You build to overcome evil
And welcome good

Continue

To ignore no vision
Which comes to enlarge
your range

And increase your spirit

Continue

To dare to love deeply
And risk everything
For the good thing
Continue
To float
Happily in the sea of infinite
substance

Which set aside riches
for you

Before you had a name

Continue

And by doing so
You and your work
Will be able to continue
Eternally.

Hamden Plains United Methodist Church, Hamden, Connecticut
Sunday worship at 10:15 a.m., Pastor Brian Bodt, preaching

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3YK4W1nHICT5iAA>

or <https://tinyurl.com/t9q8gw6>

Adult class on Zoom, 9 – 9:45 a.m.

(contact Sheldon Campbell at 203.430.3782 to be connected)

ADJUSTMENTS WILL BE MADE IN THIS SCHEDULE AT SUCH TIME AS WE REOPEN FOR PUBLIC ACTIVITY. PLEASE WATCH THE WEEKLY “Hamden Happenings” EMAIL OR VISIT www.hamdenplainsumc.com FOR UPDATES.

WE HOPE TO HAVE CONFIRMATION AND GRADUATE RECOGNITION IN JUNE.



June 7TH

TRINITY SUNDAY

We will observe an *Agape Meal* in lieu of Holy Communion. The message “*Go Make Disciples*” will be based on Matthew 28:16-20 and II Corinthians 13:11-13 with Psalm 8. George Joseph will give the children’s message.

June 14th

PENTECOST II

“*He’s Back*” will be the message based on Genesis 18:1-15 and 21:1-7; and Romans 5:1-8. Lynn Brantley will offer the children’s message.

There will also be a service available from the New York Conference with Bishop Bickerton preaching. Log-in details will be posted in our midweek and Sunday notices.

June 21st

PENTECOST III/FATHER’S DAY

The sermon, “*A Tough Day for Dad*” will be based on Romans 6:1b-11 and Matthew 10:24-39. Marty Hartog will give the children’s message.

June 28th

PENTECOST IV

“*When the Bible Gets Ugly*” will be the message based on Genesis 22:1-14 and Matthew 10:40-42. Kersten Moore will give the children’s message.

Advance reading of the scriptures is an act of spiritual formation.

MISSIONS



Donations for the food pantry have been way down. We Started collecting a specific item each month.

Missions would like to thank everyone for their contributions during this hard time for the Hamden Food Bank.

In June we will be collecting canned meats, like tuna, chicken, hash, etc.. Non-food items are always needed. Please place all donations in the collection basket in the Narthex during office hours any Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 9 am to Noon.

Thank You! The Mission committee



TECHNICAL HELP FOR ONLINE SERVICES

As we begin to plan for the possibility of returning to live church services with physical distancing during the summer, we are also actively planning how to broadcast the services for those who cannot attend in person. The church will invest in purchasing the necessary equipment but in the meantime, as we are exploring the best setup that could work for HPUMC, George Joseph has asked for the following help:

- Does anyone have a **recent model video camera with an HDMI output and sound input** that George can borrow during June for testing in the sanctuary?
- Does anyone have a **sound mixer board** that can connect the church sound system to a computer that can be borrowed for testing?

Any equipment loaned to HPUMC will be handled with great care. If you are able to help with either equipment or expertise in regard to streaming the church service, please contact George Joseph at djoseph.home@gmail.com or (203) 675-3595.



WOMEN'S GROUP

The Women's Group held its May via Zoom. It turned out to be quite successful. The women enjoyed the opportunity to check in and catch up with each other. Although most of the time was spent in fellowship, Marion brought a suggestion that another church has just started doing. A friend told her that they are sending thank you notes to health care workers. Marion suggested that we do something similar for the health care workers at Arden House, include kitchen and janitorial staff. The suggestion was met with enthusiasm, so Holly will get information we might need from Arden House, and we will begin writing our notes.

All are welcome to join, even if it is just temporarily while at home because of COVID-19. Contact Holly O'Brien at (203) 506-4822 or hollyobrien@snet.net if you would like to be invited to our next Zoom meeting.



Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday June 10th.

We will meet via "Zoom"

ALL ARE WELCOME to join.

Contact Holly O'Brien to have the link sent to you at hollyobrien@snet.net or 203.288.4252



GRADUATE NAMES NEEDED



We will honor our graduates in June, whether in virtual and physical worship.

PLEASE HELP US HONOR OUR GRADUATES by letting us know if you have an elementary, middle school, high school or college graduate. Send (1) the name of the graduate, (2) the school from which they are graduating, and (3) plans after graduation to Pastor Brian at brianbodt@sbcglobal.net as soon as possible but no later than Sunday, May 31st.

WANT TO VIEW OUR ON-LINE WORSHIP

BUT DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER?

If you have a "smart" phone, please contact Carol Galloway at 203.687.6225 (text or call) and she will help you to access our worship through your phone!



May meeting schedule:



Thursday, June 11, 7 p.m. Administrative Team

Thursday, June 18, 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee

Thursday, June 18, 7:30 p.m. Leadership Team (restricted to elected members only)



Serving the residents of Columbus House is done by HPUMC the 4th Saturday of each month. Serving on June 27th is Christine Cohen's team. Serving on July 25th is Marty's Team. If you would like to be part of any team, please contact Marty Hartog at 203.506.9788 or hartogm1@southernct.edu.

Congregational Care Committee Continues to Care

The Congregational Care Committee continues to be busy contacting home bound parishioners during this difficult time.

On Wednesday evening, April 28th at 7:00pm Pastor Brian arranged for a Zoom meeting of the Care Committee. At that time Megan Malanson was welcomed as co-chair of the committee. Everyone agreed that Megan has done a spectacular job of creating a spread sheet to maintain a record of contacts made by committee members to home bound parishioners.

The work of the committee includes home visits, phone calls and greeting cards sent for special occasions or sent just to keep in touch. On a monthly basis members contacted Megan and up-dated her on contacts they had made. Megan has reported for the first quarter, January, February and March, there have been 136 contacts made to congregants. This dedicated the committee is doing a great job!

Pastor Brian has provided an additional list of parishioners living alone or with care needs. Committee member were encouraged to extend their contacts (by phone or card) to any of the members on the additional list. It was suggested we send those on our care list birthday cards. We will do so.

If you are aware of any parishioner in need of care contact (i.e. or living alone or home\bound) please let Megan Malanson or Lois Fucci know of their need.

Other committee members you might notify are: Pastor Brian, Carol Galloway, Holly O'Brien, Kersten Moore, Charlotte Sroka and Laura Williams.

Please send in special achievements so we may acknowledge them.

Also if you would like prayers for anyone drop us a note with their name and reason for the prayer.

Send to:
secretary.hpumc@gmail.com or leave a note in the collection plate for the secretary.

You can always let Pastor Brian know also.



MUSIC MINISTRY UPDATE

Although most of you have never seen him, Corbin Beisner has been our Substitute Organist since March 15. Our intent was to hire Corbin as Music Minister but the pandemic had other ideas. Since it is clear to us now that “normal” music ministry will not return until at least September, we have hired Corbin as a member of our staff in the position of Organist and Pianist. His current contract is month to month until we, and he, have a clear sense of “what’s next” for us all.

Corbin’s singular responsibility is to provide keyboard music for weekly worship. When we resume public worship, you will enjoy meeting him.

Meanwhile, Sheldon Campbell and Terri Bennett had agreed to continue to assist in coordinating special music. The Adult Choir will sing through most of June. If you are willing to offer special music now or into the summer months (instrumental, solo or ensemble voice) please be in touch with any of us:

Terri Bennett: terribennett1964@gmail.com; 203.506.6788

Sheldon Campbell: Sheldon.campbell@yale.edu; 203.430.3782

Pastor Brian Bodt: brianbodt@sbcglobal.net; 203.747.1781

VBS update

With restrictions still in place for gatherings of more than 5 people, we feel that it is best to postpone planning of VBS for the month of July. We are hoping that restrictions will be lifted and a VBS program can be implemented safely at some point in August. Kersten and Lisa have a theme in mind and hope to continue our hosting of a VBS program when it is safe.

Stay Safe!

Kersten Moore and Lisa Collins



NEED HELP PROCURING A FACE MASK?



Preethi Varghese-Joseph of our congregation has offered to help people make face masks and obtain material for the same for people who would welcome such help. You may reach her at preethiav@gmail.com or 203.675.3536.





Hamden Plains UMC now has a Little Free Library

Our Little Free Library is a small, green metal book shed on a wooden post that is filled with free books. People can visit the library and take a book home to read or leave a book for someone else to read. In light of the fact that Church Street School is about to close, we believe that the children of the neighborhood could benefit from a place to go to find something free to read. The local public library branch on Circular Avenue has limited hours and not all people have a library card, never mind the fact that currently all schools and libraries are closed due to the COVID 19 pandemic. This Little Free Library would also benefit the people who sit at the bus stop each day. Our library holds books for all ages in English and in Spanish. New Bibles have also been left for people to take if they wish.

Little Free Library's mission is "to inspire a love of reading, build community, and spark creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world." We believe this fits with the mission of HPUMC.

I am the Steward of the library, with the help of Lisa Collins, Morgan Collins and Perjah Delgado, we will be stocking and rotating the books in the library. Our Little Free Library (LFL) is located on the front lawn of the church between the birch tree and the bus stop on Dixwell Avenue. It is registered on a world map of LFLs and has already had visitors. If you would like to donate gently used books, please contact myself or Lisa Collins or leave them in the church office where our secretary, Nancy, has kindly offered to get in contact with me if/when donations arrive. Take a minute and visit our LFL. "Take a book, or leave a book" and enjoy. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Kersten Moore

If you have any further questions about this project please do not hesitate to call or text either Kersten Moore at (203) 935-6855 or disturbedteacher@gmail.com or Lisa Collins (203)913-7961



Don't Miss the
DEADLINE!

VIDEO WORSHIP MATERIAL DEADLINE:

For some time, the deadline for material for our weekly printed bulletin has been on Wednesdays at Noon. We are

now adding to that same deadline, video worship material, to be sent to George Joseph at dgjoseph.home@gmail.com. Anyone recording remotely - liturgists, musicians, children's messages - are asked to submit by that deadline so that the editing and posting process will not be delayed. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The July Messenger

deadline is Sunday, June 21st

(always the third Sunday of the preceding month).

Please submit articles electronically (preferred) to secretary.hpumc@gmail.com or hard copy to Nancy at the church office (Tues, Wed., Thurs., 9 am – Noon) or by USPS at 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514

Dear Hamden Plains Church community,

In the interest of keeping the congregation informed, we are providing this copy of the 2020 budget. It reflects our current projected expenses and revenues but has not yet been adjusted for reductions in either. Revenues currently appear to be "on" or "close" to projected.

As approach mid-year and the coming summer season, we thank you for your faithful giving to your church. If you have not made a gift, or made one recently, please consider one now, sent to 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT. 06514.

We encourage questions and comments to the Administrative Team in its Finance Committee role (Administrative Team encompasses both Finance and Trustees).

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Hartog, Chair, Administrative Team
hartogm1@southernct.edu
203.506.9788

Rev. Dr. Brian R. Bodt, Pastor
brianbodt@sbcglobal.net
203.747.1781

		2019 Budget	Monthly 2019		2020 Budget	Monthly 2020	Notes
	INCOME						
	Member Pledges / Tithes /	86,000.00	7,166.67		100,000.00	8,333.33	
	Non-Pledged Offerings (incl. members)	1,000.00	83.33		2,000.00	166.67	
	Special offerings (incl. apportionments)	2,500.00	208.33		0.00	0.00	e.g. apportionment appeals, peddlers alley, etc.
	Loose Plate Offerings	2,000.00	166.67		2,000.00	166.67	
	Seasonal Offerings	3,000.00	250.00		3,000.00	250.00	Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas
	Property Use (from Trustees)	15,000.00	1,250.00		6,400.00	533.33	
	Special Events (incl. Pumpkin Patch)	1,000.00	83.33		500.00	41.67	Pumpkin patch made \$8267.90; profit is \$2066.97
	Income from Trustees Peter's	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	Trustees funds to pay Organist
	Other Special Events	250.00	20.83		0.00	0.00	Music concert
		110,750.00	9,229.17		113,900.00	9,491.67	
	EXPENSES						
<i>1</i>	Conference Apportionments	16,507.00	1,375.58		15,083.00	1,256.92	Clergy Benefits/Support, Benevolence,
	Conf Apportionments Subtotal	16,507.00	1,375.58		15,083.00	1,256.92	

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		2019 Budget	Monthly 2019	2020 Budget	Monthly 2020	Notes
	Staff					
2	Pastor Net Salary	40,064.00	3,338.67	34,000.00	2,833.33	3/4 salary for Pastor Bodt
3	Pastor UMPIP - mthly	450	37.50	0	0.00	\$70.18 deducted each pay period
4	Pastor Healthflex Contribution - mthly	1,800	150.00	0	0.00	\$54.00 deducted each pay period /
5	Medical Reimbursement Account	2,250.00	187.50	0.00	0.00	\$83.33 deducted on a monthly basis
6	Dependent Care Account	250.00	20.83	0.00	0.00	\$25.00 deducted on a monthly basis
7	<i>Pastor Gross Salary</i>	44,814.00	3,734.50	34,000.00	2,833.33	Gross annual pay
8	Church Pension Contribution	6,610	550.84	0	0.00	CRSP = Sal + 25% * 10.8% (42,000*1.25*.108)
9	CPP	1,681	140.04	0	0.00	3% total compensation
10	Church Healthflex Contribution	17,208.00	1,434.00	0.00	0.00	HealthFlex & Clergy Benefits 60-0640
11	Pastor's Reimbursed Expenses	5,700.00	475.00	5,700.00	475.00	conference sets this amount
12	Workers Compensation	325.00	27.08	325.00	27.08	WCOMP is reimbursed by NYAC
13	Conference Fees & Pastor Education	500.00	41.67	500.00	41.67	Conference costs for Lay-persons
14	Secretary Salary (Gross \$7,488)	6,482.97	540.24	6,915.17	576.26	9 hours*\$16/hr \$144.00 per wk
15	Secretary FICA & Medicare Withheld	537.03	44.76	572.83	47.74	Derived from Secretary salary at 7.65%. FICA = 6.2% (\$8.37) Med = 1.45% (\$1.96)
16	Secretary FICA Employer Contribution	537.03	36.27	572.83	47.74	\$134.28 Paid Quarterly (April 15, July 15, Oct. 15, Jan. 15)
17	Organist Salary (Gross \$12,000)	9,604.40	800.37	11,082.00	923.50	\$400.18 Paid Bi-monthly
18	Organist FICA & Medicare Withheld	795.60	66.30	918.00	76.50	Derived from Organist salary at 7.65%. FICA = 6.2% (\$8.37) Med = 1.45% (\$1.96)
19	Organist FICA Employer Contribution	795.60	66.30	918.00	76.50	\$161.20 Paid Quarterly
20	Guest Muscian Fee	300.00	25.00	300.00	25.00	\$150 per week. No salary for Pianist/Choir Director
21	Background check for Sunday School Teachers	120.00	20.00	120.00	20.00	\$20.00 x 12 teachers. Required Per Conference
22	Payroll Fee	303.00	25.25	300.00	25.25	
		51,499.22		28,223.83		
	Staff Subtotal	96,313.22		62,223.83		
	Operations / Committees					
21	Education	520.00	43.33	520.00	43.33	Children's worship\$150; Sunday School Curriculum\$320 - total is \$775
22	Finance	350.00	29.17	350.00	29.17	Pledge envelopes, software,etc.
23	Membership & Evangelism	750.00	62.50	750.00	62.50	VBS, new member's gifts, etc
24	Mission & Social Concerns	600.00	50.00	600.00	50.00	Columbus House, Food Bank, etc
25	Office Expenses	600.00	50.00	900.00	75.00	Postage, Supplies, Church Website, Newsletter.
26	Copier contract (CIT)	1,356.00	113.00	1,356.00	113.00	\$113.00/month per lease
27	Copier Property Tax	144.00	12.00	144.00	12.00	Not mentioned in lease
28	Worship	300.00	25.00	500.00	41.67	Baptism crosses, robe cleaning, oil for candles, etc.
29	Snow Removal	4,250.00	354.17	4,750.00	395.83	
30	Annual Financial Auditing	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	125.00	\$1,500 for 2015 for three years
	Operations / Committees Subtotal	8,870.00	739.17	11,370.00	947.50	

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	Church Maintenance						
	<i>Utilities Church</i>						
31	Southern CT Gas	6,500.00	541.67		6,500.00	541.67	
32	U.I.	3,200.00	266.67		3,200.00	266.67	UI standard rate
33	Regional Water Auth	2,000.00	166.67		2,000.00	166.67	
34	Sewer	200.00	16.67		200.00	16.67	
35	Communications Utilities	1,460.00	121.67		2,000.00	166.67	Internet, cable, & phone.
36	Cleaning Service	5,980.00	498.33		6,000.00	500.00	Note: SS payments will be deducted from the \$500
36	Genereal Maintenance	2,000.00	166.67		5,000.00	416.67	
38	Dumpster	900.00	75.00		900.00	75.00	
	<i>Church utilities subtotal</i>	22,240.00	1,853.33		25,800.00	2,150.00	
	<i>Utilities Parsonage</i>						
39	J&E Oil Co.	0.00			0.00		
40	U.I.	0.00			0.00		
41	Regional Water Auth	0.00			0.00		
42	Sewer	0.00			0.00		
43	Comcast - Phone/Cable/Internet	0.00			0.00		
44	<i>Parsonage utilities subtotal</i>	0.00			0.00		
	<i>Utilities Parish House</i>						
45	Southern CT Gas	2,000.00	166.67		1,000.00	83.33	Note: Reduced by 50% due to no occupancy
46	J&E Oil Co						
47	U.I.	850.00	70.83		425.00	35.42	Note: Reduced by 50% due to no occupancy
48	Regional Water Auth	400.00	33.33		200.00	16.67	Note: Reduced by 50% due to no occupancy
49	Sewer	320.00	26.67		160.00	13.33	Note: Reduced by 50% due to no occupancy
50	Phone/Cable and Internet	1,500.00	125.00		0.00	0.00	
	<i>Parsonage utilities subtotal</i>	5,070.00	422.50		1,785.00	148.75	Note: Reduced by 50% due to no occupancy
	<i>Insurance</i>						
51	Liability Ins./Emory & Webb/Guide One	6,550.00	545.83		6,550.00	545.83	Payment paid quarterly (\$2,017.50)
53	<i>Church Maintenance Subtotal</i>	33,860.00	2,821.67				
54	TOTAL INCOME	110,750.00	9,229.17		113,900.00	9,491.67	
55	TOTAL EXPENSES	155,550.22	4,936.42		122,811.83	10,234.32	

Sermons



Sermon manuscripts are available on our website.

You may also contact Nancy Estes in the church office to obtain a copy or view them on our website, www.hamdenplainsumc.com.

\$ Dinner for a Dollar \$



Community Supper

Come and enjoy a good, wholesome meal.

*Suggested donation \$1.00, maximum \$5.00 per family,
but no one will be turned away.*

Every Saturday Night

Anytime from 6:00pm until 7:00pm

TAKE OUT ONLY FOR NOW

Hamden Plains United Methodist Church

15 Church St Hamden

At the intersection of Church St and Dixwell Ave

(203) 248-4654 <https://www.hamdenplainsumc.com>



I want to thank the many members of Hamden Plains UMC who have been serving on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays since the debut of the ministry. Special thanks to Michele Silver, Dave Kuruta, Carol Galloway, Pastor Brian, Reon Keller, and the Moores who served this month. We've practiced social distancing and served some good meals. Teams from Beecher and Bennett and Witnesses for Hunger continue to pick up the other Saturdays, which is working well. We have also benefitted from contributions by Lyons Restaurant and Legend Pizza. People were thrilled to have a slice of pizza added to last week's meal.

Finally, The sign is finished and the next time you drive by church, look for our Dinner for a Dollar sign on the front lawn. We hope that more people will begin to see that we are serving meals on Saturday nights and come by to sample our cooking.

Marty





Father's Day Flowers

June 21, 2020

NEW GUINEA IMPATIENS - ASSORTED COLORS

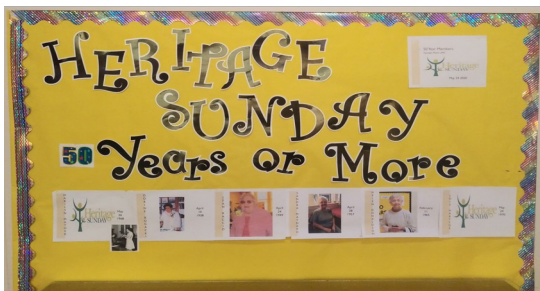
Cost is \$4.00 for a 4 inch pot

Please make check payable to Nancy Estes or enclose cash in an envelope and place in the collection plate marked "FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS" or mail to Nancy Estes, 35 Newton St. 2nd fl, Meriden, Ct. 06450. No later than June 14th

Your Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____



HERITAGE SUNDAY

It is Hamden Plains' tradition to honor those members who have belonged to this church for 50 years or more. We celebrated the faithfulness and longevity of Dorine Bogacki (82 yrs), Helen Donaldson (55 yrs), Lois Hartsoe (50 yrs), Marilyn Mather (52 yrs), Sandra Maynard (63 yrs) and Jean Raccio (71 yrs).

This year since we are "social distancing" we had videos of honorees as part of our service. If you missed it, you can go watch them on the you tube channel at <https://tinyurl.com/t9q8gw6>. (Service of May 24th)

Thank you to Book of Remembrance in remembering these dedicated people of our congregation.

Also a large thank you to Pastor Brian for videoing our recipients.

Thank you to George Joseph for editing and making all our services available for viewing.

SMARTER GOALS REPORT 2020-2021

Dear Hamden Plains Church community,

On November 9, 2019 we conducted a Revitalization Seminar under the leadership of the Rev. David Gilmore, Director of Revitalization and Congregational Development for the New York Conference. Open to all members of the church, 30 people attended, mostly elected leaders.

One outcome was a commitment to develop SMARTER goals for our ministry teams. SMARTER stands for Specific, Measurable, Agreed, Realistic, Time-bound, Ethical and Recorded. We were to have accomplished this within six months: May 9, 2020. We came close, as the following report notes.

I encourage you to review these goals and give feedback to the committee leaders. They can be reached through the church office (203.248.4654; secretary.hpumc@gmail.com).

Yours sincerely in Christ,
Pastor Brian Bodt

Administrative Team
Marty Hartog, Chairperson
(draft goals to be approved June 11, 2020)

1. Goal: Establish a welcoming environment in the sanctuary by painting the inside of the sanctuary and other areas in the church in need of painting.
A factor that influences visitors to want to return to a church is the maintenance of the church building that provides a sense of the dedication of the congregation to honor God.
Recent improvements to the roofs of the church building have rectified the leaks that had led to the interior damage to the ceiling and the walls of the sanctuary and the Sunday School classrooms on the second floor of the administrative portion of the church building.
The sale of the property on 37 Mattes Road provided funds that can be used for the improvement of the church building.
In addition, combined with current resources, a capital improvement campaign would provide the necessary funding to paint those areas of the church that were damaged by the leaks.
2. Goal: Prepare the Parish House to be able to house a pastor if the congregation returns to having a resident pastor.
The congregation has the responsibility to house a pastor for future appointments.
The Parish House no longer houses the sexton.
The completion of Pastor Bodt's appointment as ¾-time pastor at Hamden Plains United Methodist Church will be in June 30, 2021.
A new appointment may be require housing the pastor in the Parish House.
3. Goal: Restructure the structure of the church committees and governing bodies that will allow the Administrative Team to fulfill its primary objective of monitoring the financial state of the congregation and offer a venue for reporting of the main ministries of the church on a regular basis.
The basic business of Hamden Plains' Administrative Team has focused on the financial health of the congregation.
The Administrative Team has not been able to provide the venue in which non-Leadership Team ministries can report their work on at least a quarterly basis.
Committees do not currently have a church body to which they report, creating a communication void among the ministries that would normally allow all ministries coordinate their ministerial goals.
4. Goal: Create a viable budget that provides a viable and sustainable vision of what Hamden Plains UMC is and can become.
Because we have Pastor Bodt as a 3/4-time retired pastor, Hamden Plains UMC has been able to stabilize their financial situation and enabled it to pay its 2019 apportionments, pay back the majority of its back 2018 apportionments, and pay back Federal Taxes and fines.
The Administrative Team now needs to create a budget that allows the congregation to remain in a healthy financial position and provide a vision for where the church can grow in the Greater Hamden Community.

LEADERSHIP TEAM **Megan Malanson, Chair**

Firmly Establish Music Minister Position

Corbin Beisner has been hired month-to-month as Organist and Pianist. We need to monitor post-COVID-19 developments to expand to a full Music Minister.

Develop a Pastoral Succession Plan

Pastor Brian will serve as pastor of HPUMC until June 30, 2021.

Leadership Team will need to work with Administrative Team to see what kind of Pastor will work best for HPUMC.

Pastor Options

$\frac{3}{4}$ Pastor (if funding was in place): house, pension and health benefits

$\frac{1}{2}$ Pastor (some form): no pension/health benefits, narrow candidate pool, Parish House (?)

Retired Pastor (1/2 or $\frac{3}{4}$ time): housing may or may not be needed

Yoked with another church

Full Time Pastor, if church finances would support one.

Management of the Parish House (Conversation with Marty Hartog)

The Parish House will be emptied by June 30, 2020.

The Parish House will sit empty until June 2021 so it will be available July 1, 2021 (if needed) for the new pastor.

Creation of Church Council

Church Council would lighten the heavy load of the Administrative Team.

Purpose would be Governance and Directional. What the committees are doing now which will help guide future plans.

Some committees don't report to anyone, would provide transparency and oversight into the activities of all the committees.

Primary reporting of committees would be what progress is being made on their SMARTER Goals. Reporting could also include committee minutes.

The Council would meet 3 times a year (January/Late April or Early May/September) and would have a printed agenda (with times).

Church Council would be populated by the major committee heads and is an open for anyone to come and have the opportunity to ask questions.

Pastor's Goals

Review of current Pastor's Goals from May, 2019 – June, 2020.

What goals have been accomplished and what remains?

Have an ongoing review process.

Create goals for new pastors.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION **Kersten Moore and Lisa Collins, Co-Chairs**

Goal: We will create a Little Free Library in order to outreach to the neighborhood community.

Reasons for the goal: the local elementary school is closing, there is a bus stop directly in front of the church, "sharing God's love by creating a safe and welcoming community"

Specific: to reach out to the neighboring community of Hamden Plains in order to supply multilevel reading materials to those in need on an ongoing basis

Measurable: actually create and stock the library with multilevel books for all ages to be placed on the front lawn of the church in close proximity to the city bus stop; a Google Doc will be created and shared amongst the librarian and her library helpers in order to keep track of the books taken (this will give us data as to how effective the program is)

Agreed: agreement for this Little Free Library may need to come from the Administrative Team; the Pastor, Education Chairs and Sunday school children have already agreed that this is a good idea

Realistic: register our library with the Little Free Library organization, have an ongoing book drive within the church membership, Sunday school children will create a pamphlet to insert into the books explaining our Sunday school, the role of children in Sunday worship, education and worship times

Time-bound:

By the beginning of May register our library with Little Free Library organization

By the beginning of May have the pamphlet completed by the Sunday School youth

By the middle of May have a HPUMC congregational book drive

By the end of May the library structure will be installed

By the beginning of June have the library up, stocked and running

By the beginning of June let the Church Street School principal, teachers and PTA be aware of our Little free Library

Ethical: yes

Recorded: yes

CONGREGATIONAL CARE COMMITTEE **Lois Fucci and Megan Malanson, Co-Chairs**

Mission: The mission of the **Care Committee** is to provide Christian care, contact and comfort to parishioners unable to attend church or are in need of support.

Vision: The Vision of the Care Committee is that all parishioners feel the love and care of Christ through our ministry to their needs.

Goals for 2020-2021 include:

- Make phone calls to home bound parishioners.
- Provide rides to doctor's appointments as requested.
- Visit homes of home-bound parishioners.
- Cards to parishioners who do not attend service.
- Provide meals in times of emergency.
- Keep in contact with members in college.

Missions
Charlotte Sroka, Chair

Goals for 2020-2021 include maintaining our current missions:

- Serving meals at Columbus House the fourth Saturday of each month.
- Hamden Food Bank- work with the Keefe Center in what the needs are each month. Our biggest collection is done in November for Thanksgiving Baskets.
- Cans for the Congo collection to support the Mulungwishi Seminary in Africa.
- Christmas time, starting in November, to adopt a family of four. The families request specific items which the congregation donates.
- Stuff 100 stockings to be given to Connecticut families at Christmas.

Goals for new(er) missions:

- Support a missionary with funds from a tag-sale, likely early fall.
- Dinner for a Dollar* every Saturday (new feeding ministry started February 22, 2020).

Worship Committee
Holly O'Brien, Chair

- Develop the technology support to continue to broadcast worship.
- Research and obtain the necessary licensing to broadcast a wide variety of legal music genres

Prayer Ministry
Holly O'Brien, Coordinator

- Continue to identify ways to be attentive to public and private prayer.

Women's Group
Holly O'Brien, Coordinator

- Develop curriculum for spiritual growth and service for the women of HPUMC
- Provide new opportunities for meaningful fellowship

Stewardship
No current chairperson: submitted by the pastor

- Elect or appoint a chairperson not later than August 1, 2020
- Conduct a stewardship campaign for the 2021 budget with the above named goals in mind, with Commitment Sunday on Sunday, November 22, 2020.
- Elements of the campaign will include personal witness on Sunday morning; projected financial goals, letters of communication with the congregation.
- Coordinate effort with Administrative Team's SMARTER goals #1 and #4.



CHURCH NEWS

Cans for Congo:

We want to send a thank you to those of you who have been donating their cans and bottles or receipts from recycling cans and bottles for the Congo Mission to Mulungwishi Seminary. Please continue to bring in your receipts or cans to support this mission. The collection boxes for receipts and cans are located in the narthex.

HAMDEN FOOD BANK



always needs your support and contributions to help Hamden residents who are in need. The items that we need are non-perishable foods and basic necessities, such as, soap, toilet paper, tooth paste, tooth brushes, and diapers. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated.

For more information contact Charlotte Sroka at 203.530.2860 or email charlotte.sroka306@frontier.com



TO DONATE ALTAR

FLOWERS please sign up on the chart in the Foyer bulletin board (the main entry hall) or contact Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 (Tues.-Thurs.

mornings) or at secretary.hpumc@gmail.com. Donation is \$20, check payable to "HPUMC" memoed "altar flowers" or cash, either given to Nancy Estes. Wording may be "in honor of" or "in memory of" and will be listed in the bulletin. You may take the flowers with you or leave them for Pastor Brian to deliver to our home-bound members. Nancy Campbell continues to order from "Flowers on the Farm." Your color preference requests, if any, should be placed with Nancy Estes when ordering. We thank both Nancy's for their role in beautifying our altar.



INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLE PROGRAM

Starting May 26th ,

we will be collecting ink cartridges for recycling.

There will be a box in the Narthex to drop them off in. Each cartridge can be returned and the church will receive a credit towards our office supplies.

Last month we saved \$49 just from the ones we used here at the church.

Please consider bringing them in, instead of throwing them away.

The Church Office is open Tuesday - Thursday 9am -noon.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

A big Hello and a hug to our Sunday School students,

Let us first start by saying how much we all miss you. Sunday mornings are not the same without seeing each of your faces and talking about our week.

We are hoping that we could still have that together feel even though we aren't seeing each other. You all know how much we love your art work. We have 2 projects for you to keep busy at home....

1) On Sunny days go outside with chalk and write messages or draw pictures on your driveway or sidewalk. These messages can include positive sayings, Bible quotes or drawings to uplift people in your neighborhoods. Take a picture of your grand artwork and send it to us. These drawings and messages will keep us connected.

2) Make cards for some of the parishioners in our church. They would love to hear from you. Think back to when we made Valentine's Day cards and now make a Thinking of You card.

If you would like the names of parishioners to send cards to, please email or call/text and we will send you a list of 2-3 names. These cards can be mailed directly to the person or we can come by and pick up the cards and mail them for you.

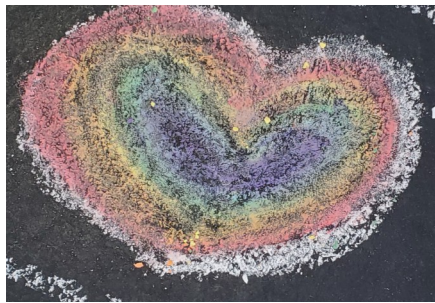
Know that your Sunday school teachers would love to hear from you. We can arrange a chat if you just want to talk and hear our voices again.

Please get coloring and let us know if you would like to make cards.

We miss you! Stay Well,
Love,

Your Sunday School Teachers

Lisa Collins at collins11902@yahoo.com or 203. 913.7961.



COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Sundays	12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	French Church
Mondays	3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	United Girls Choir
Tuesdays	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Hispanic AA
Thursdays	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Men's AA
	7:30 pm - 9:00 pm	Hispanic AA
3rd Thursday	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	Hamden Plains Friends
Saturdays	3:00 - 5:00 pm	Spanish Women's AA
Various Days/Times		Daniel Cohen

For the time being all outside activities have suspended meetings.



Please keep those serving in the military in your prayers

And those who are in nursing homes Rehabilitation Centers & Hospitals or home bound
Dorine Bogacki, hospice care at Masonic Home, 22 Masonic Ave., Wallingford, CT 06492

Pat Leno, Arden House, 850 Mix Ave., Hamden, CT 06514

Sandra Maynard, 102B Treadwell St., Hamden, CT 06514

Elizabeth Mayo, 200 Leeder Hill Dr. #213, Hamden, CT 06517

Claudette Morrison, 112 East Gate Ln., Hamden, CT 06514

Marianne Reynolds, 656 Center St., D208, Wallingford, CT 06492

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please let the office or Pastor know if prayers are needed

Krystal Ritchie, Kathy, end stage cancer

Chris, a friend of Terri Bennett, battling breast cancer.

Tim McCrae, father of a former student of Lisa Collins, recovering from COVID-19.

For our world during the coronavirus

UM Church, during historic changes

Please pray for our Church daily

Please submit prayer request to the church office.

secretary.hpumc@gmail.com or leave a message on the office phone. 203.248.4654

You can always contact Pastor Brian for other needs.



**REQUESTS
— FOR —
PRAYER**



We extend our sympathy to

Gail Malanson and Hunter, Megan, Luke and Erik Malanson on the death of husband, father, father-in-law and grandfather, Guy Malanson. Guy passed April 22nd. Expression of sympathy may be sent to the Hunter Malanson family at 41 Grieb Trail, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492

Bancroft Nicholson, Sr., on the death of his brother, Vernon Nicholson, on April 22nd in New York.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: Bancroft and June Nicholson, 142 Wilmot Road, Hamden, CT 06514.

Nancy Estes and Liz Hurley on the death of their aunt, Jean Erickson, on May 6th in New Hampshire.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to: Liz Hurley, 10044 Cypress Meadows LN., Orlando, FL 32825

Nancy and Harold Estes, 35 Newton Street, 2nd Floor, Meriden, CT 06450

Josh and Rebecca Flores-Vitti on the death of their mother, Debbye Flores-Vitti, on Mother's Day, May 10th. Funeral arrangements are to be determined. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Josh and Rebecca, 50 Albert Road, Hamden, Connecticut 06514.

Kersten Moore for Patty Paolillo who passed away Monday May 18th due to COVID-19 and her family (her son Salvatore is a good friend of The Moore Family) for Rosetta Weir and family on the passing of her mother and grandfather both from COVID-19 (Rosetta is a co-worker of Kersten's)

Jesse and Trudy Williams on the death of their mother, **Luella Williams**, on May 21. Luella was 95 years old. Arrangements are currently being made with Peter H. Torello & Son Funeral Home. When arrangements are finalized they will be shared as the family desires. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Jesse and Trudy at 41 West Helen Street, Hamden, CT 06514.

Jimmy and Claudette Morrison on the death of his sister, Laura Watson, 74, of Hartford due to COVID-19. Laura passed today, Sunday, May 24th. At this writing memorial service arrangements are pending. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the Morrisons at 112 East Gate Lane, Hamden, CT. 06514

May God bring comfort all these families. The memory of the righteous is a blessing.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Covenant Discipleship 12:30-1:30 pm (Zoom)	3	4	5	6 Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7 pm
7 Adult Study 9:00-10:00 am (Zoom) Worship 10:00am (YouTube)	8	9Covenant Discipleship 12:30-1:30 pm (Zoom)	10 Women's Group 1:00 pm (Zoom)	11 Admin Team 7:00 pm (Zoom)	12	13 Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7 pm
14Adult Study 9:00-10:00 am (Zoom) Worship 10:00am (YouTube)	15	16Covenant Discipleship 12:30-1:30 pm (Zoom)	17	18 Worship 6:30 pm Leadership 7:30 pm (Zoom)	19	20 Dinner for a Dollar 6 - 7 pm
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28Adult Study 9:00-10:00 am (Zoom) Worship 10:00am (YouTube)	29	30				



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