

### January 2025





New Year Prayer

Thank You for granting us the new year of 2025.

In the new year, draw us closer to our God. Help us to listen more attentively to the Word of God. Lead us to live a life of faith, relying on God.

In the new year, help us to follow closely in Jesus' footsteps. Guide us to walk in the way of Jesus. Lead us always to be with our neighbors with Jesus' love

In the new year, let us feel the warmth of the Holy Spirit more deeply. Help us to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Lead us to be united together as one and to fulfill the hope of God's Kingdom.

We look forward to living this new year of 2025 with gratitude. Amen.

Pastor Jinha Choi First & Wesley United Methodist Church Lectionary Readings for January

(if you are receiving this by e-mail, just click on the link to take you to the readings)

January 5, 2025 Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3:1-12, Matthew 2:1-12

January 12, 2025 Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 19, 2025 Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

January 26, 2025 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

## **Healing Prayer Circle**

When: Tuesday, January 7th 7:00pm - 8:00pm Where: Sanctuary

Pastor Cindy Dodd will lead a time of healing prayer, with music and scripture, for you or a loved one. We will meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month. Bring your prayer concerns to God's alter, and those who gather will pray for you and those you are concerned about. You do not need to have a prayer concern to attend. We will also lift up the prayer concerns from our congregation. All are welcome for this time of intercessory prayer.





## First & Wesley United Methodist Church

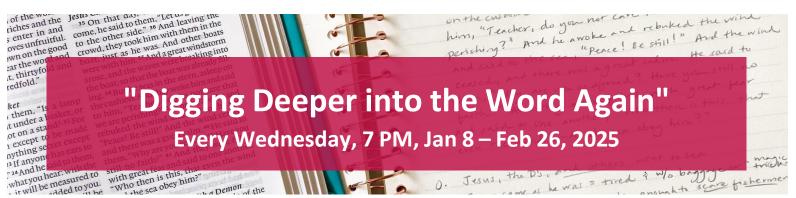


#### January 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's	2 10a–12p "K" Café 6p Bell Choir 7p Adult Choir After School Prog	3 After School Prog	4 8a-10a Men's Fellowship Breakfast
5 10:00a Family Worship Service, Communion, Birthday/Anniversary celebration and Sunday School (begins after Children's Sermon)	6 7p Adult Monday school After School Prog	7 7p Healing Prayer Service in sanctuary After School Prog	<ul> <li>8</li> <li>5p Youth Choir</li> <li>7p Adult Bible</li> <li>Study</li> <li>No After School</li> <li>Prog</li> </ul>	9 10a–12p "K" Café 6p Bell Choir 7p Adult Choir After School Prog	10 7p Missions Meeting After School Prog	11 10a Take Down Nativity and decorations
12 10:00a Family Worship Service & Sunday School (begins after Children's Sermon)	<ul> <li>13</li> <li>7p Adult</li> <li>Monday school</li> <li>7p Cooperative</li> <li>Parish</li> <li>After School</li> <li>Prog</li> </ul>	14 7p Finance After School Prog	15 5p Youth Choir 7p Adult Bible Study After School Prog	16 10a–12p "K" Café 6p Bell Choir 7p Adult Choir After School Prog	17 7p SPPR meeting After School Prog	18 9:30-10:30a Craft Corner 5p Agape Meal (Free) All Welcome
<b>19 Human Relations</b> <b>Day</b> 10:00a Family Worship Service & Sunday School (begins after Children's Sermon) 11:30a Church Council	20 MLK Day 7p Adult Monday school *Articles Due for the February Messenger No After School Prog	21 After School Prog	22 5p Youth Choir 7p Adult Bible Study After School Prog	23 10a–12p "K" Café 1p Prayer Shawl at Edith Mulligan's home 6p Bell Choir 7p Adult Choir After School Prog	24 After School Prog	25
26 10:00a Family Worship Service & Sunday School (begins after Children's Sermon)	27 7p Adult Monday school After School Prog	28 7pTrustees After School Prog	29 5p Youth Choir 7p Adult Group Study After School Prog	30 10a–12p "K" Café 6p Bell Choir 7p Adult Choir After School Prog	31 After School Prog	Feb. 1 Stuffed Bread/Soup/ Chili orders due!

For more information go to the church website at <u>www.firstwesleyumc.org</u>

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**



- ► Do you have any questions about the Sunday Service sermons?
- Have you experienced something or have a story that connects with those sermons?
- ► Do you want to explore the texts, themes, or theology used in the Sunday Service?

This will be a time to dive deeper into the Scriptures preached in the previous Sunday's

If so, you're invited to join our Wednesday Bible Study!



#### First and Wesley United Methodist



Our next Prayer Shawl meeting will be January 23, 2025 - 1PM in person at the home of Edith Mulligan 65 Messina Drive, Apt A761 East Haven, CT 06512 Prayer shawls are in the Church Office if someone needs one. Be sure to sign your name and the person it will go to. You can also contact Edith Mulligan – (203) 821-7533 or Linda Kopec – (203) 804-2522



Come and enjoy our men's fellowship. We will have coffee, breakfast, a short talk, discussion, closing, clean up and out by 10 am!

## Fellowship

#### Every Thursday – Koinonia Café,

10am-12pm Please note: If you would like to help with this, please contact Judy Jennette or Myrna Clinton.

#### **Free Community Dinner Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month** 5pm FREE Agape meal followed by games.

Please note: If you would like to help with this, please contact Judy Jennette or Dave Smith.



## **Finance Corner**

Thank you to all of you who have answered our prayers with your support of our missions and ministries for this past year.

Our next fundraiser will be our "Soup"er Bowl stuffed breads, chili, and soup. Thanks to Shelby we will have the same baker making our scrumptious breads. Dave will be making his Famous Chili and Peggy will be making her Delicious Soups. Please see the order form in this newsletter for more information. Orders are due by **February 1, 2025**. Pickup will be on February 8, 2025, and the Super Bowl is on Sunday February 9<sup>th</sup>. Stay warm and stay tuned for more Finance Corner reports!





We have some Get Well and Thinking of You cards. Contact Gail if you would like a card sent to someone or have questions about the group. You can call the church office or e-mail Gail at <u>gbartozzi@yahoo.com</u> We meet the third Saturday of the month from 9:30 - 10:30.

#### WILLING TO LEARN A NEW SKILL?

We will provide training for anyone interested in operating the sound, the camera, the PPT or creating the PPT for our Sunday worship. If you are interested in joining our A/V ministry, please contact Helen Smith, 203-444-2362 or Mary Rolfe 475-988-7666 to find out more info!

January Bírthdays

- Neil Thomas Macie Franson Frank Osei-Sarpong
- 3 Emma Franson
- 7 Christine Latham Walter Clinton
- 10 Paul Franson Israel Young
- 14 Lauren Simone
- 16 Melissa Santamauro Marissa deNicolo Julianna deNicolo Emmanuel Henoun
- 19 Mary Ann Hawkes
- 24 Jen Werle Gail Pells
- 27 Eleanna Ormazabal
- 28 Nalia Nevin
- 30 Elizabeth (Liz) Levy

#### January Anníversaríes

#### 9 - Walter and Myrna Clinton

If you do not see your birthday or anniversary listed, please let the church office know so we can update our list and make sure you are not missed.

If you would like to include someone for birthdays or anniversaries, please see below. Example- name change, address change, marriage, birth, death, etc. Email:

<u>firstwesleyumc@gmail.com</u> or send to church office.

#### **Being Alone in the Church**

For those of you who need to go into the church, do not forget to sign in each time you enter the church and if you are going to be alone in the church, call one of the numbers below. Thank you!

#### 2023 contact numbers

Helen Smith	203-444-2362	Counc
Jim Stuhlman	203-435-1790	Truste
Mary Rolfe 4	475-988-7666	Laylea

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#### West Haven Elks Soup Kitchen

We invite our veterans, seniors, and anyone in need of a free hot meal, to join us the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Open to West Haven residents 265 Main Street

#### **Sunday School**



Come learn about the character of God, the work of Christ, and the means of living in right relationship to God and all people. We meet Sunday mornings following the Children's Moment during the 10:00 service.

Our program is open to all kids ages 4 and up. Our youth are invited to rotate through as helpers. Please go to the church website to register your child/youth for Sunday school or ask a Sunday School teacher for a registration form.



# Stuffed Bread & Soup/Chili Fundraiser

 First & Wesley United Methodist Church 89 Center Street, West Haven, CT 06516 203.933.8795 / www.firstwesleyumc.org

Preorder by Feb. 1, Pick-up Feb. 8, 4-5pm

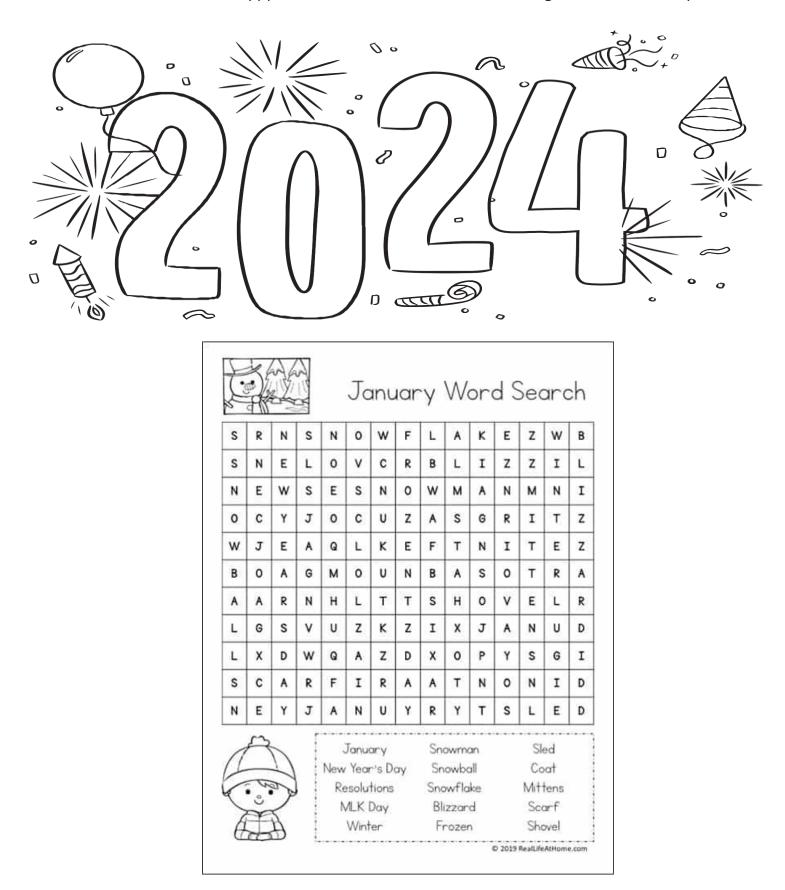
Call/text order 203-444-2362 E-mail fundraiser@firstwesleyumc.org online order: www.firstwesleyumc.org/breadfundraiser

Name	Phone	E-mail
	Stuffed Bre	ead - \$15 each
Broccoli Plain Broccoli & Mozza Broccoli, Sausage Spinach Plain Spinach & Mozzai Spinach, Sausage	e & Mozzarella	Buffalo Chicken Chicken Parmesan Eggplant Parmesan Meatball & Mozzarella Pepperoni & Mozzarella Sausage, Peppers & Mozzarella
Soups - \$10 e Chicken Noodle Ham & Lentil Lentil	each (16 oz.) ] ΤΟΤΔΙ・	Chili - \$11 each (16 oz.)

Please pay at pick-up by cash or check at church on Feb. 8th, 4-5pm (please make checks out to FWUMC with "bread fundraiser" in the memo line

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

DIRECTIONS: 3...2...1. Happy New Year! Color the scene, then give to someone special.

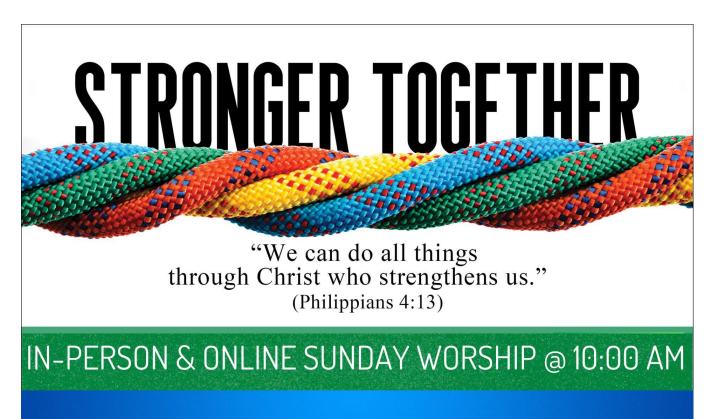


The Messenger

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"Sunday Worship Time: 11:00am"

The January Newsletter



**COME JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**