

# *The Messenger*

First & Wesley  
United Methodist Church  
89 Center Street  
West Haven, Connecticut 06516  
203-933-8795

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

For more information go to the church website at [www.firstwesleyumc.org](http://www.firstwesleyumc.org)

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY

# "Digging Deeper into the Word Again"

Every Wednesday, 7 PM, Jan 8 – Feb 26, 2025

- ▶ 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

# MFB MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

Start the new year off on the right foot.

**January 4, 2025**  
**8am - 10am**



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.

**FIRST & WESLEY**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

89 Center Street, West Haven, CT 06516

**Free Event**

**Walk-in or RSVP**  
[contactkelyoungs@gmail.com](mailto:contactkelyoungs@gmail.com)

**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!

## The Craft Corner



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 [gbartozzi@yahoo.com](mailto:gbartozzi@yahoo.com)  
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 Birthdays

- 1 - 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 Anniversaries

- 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:*

*[firstwesleyumc@gmail.com](mailto:firstwesleyumc@gmail.com) 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	Council Chair
Jim Stuhlman	203-435-1790	Trustee Chair
Mary Rolfe	475-988-7666	Layleader

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

Call/text order 203-444-2362 E-mail [fundraiser@firstwesleyumc.org](mailto:fundraiser@firstwesleyumc.org)

online order: [www.firstwesleyumc.org/breadfundraiser](http://www.firstwesleyumc.org/breadfundraiser)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

## Stuffed Bread - \$15 each

- Broccoli Plain
- Broccoli & Mozzarella
- Broccoli, Sausage & Mozzarella
- Spinach Plain
- Spinach & Mozzarella
- Spinach, Sausage & Mozzarella

- Buffalo Chicken
- Chicken Parmesan
- Eggplant Parmesan
- Meatball & Mozzarella
- Pepperoni & Mozzarella
- Sausage, Peppers & Mozzarella

## Soups - \$10 each (16 oz.)

- Chicken Noodle
- Ham & Lentil
- Lentil

## Chili - \$11 each (16 oz.)

**TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

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.



## January Word Search

S	R	N	S	N	O	W	F	L	A	K	E	Z	W	B
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|----------------|-----------|---------|
| January        | Snowman   | Sled    |
| New Year's Day | Snowball  | Coat    |
| Resolutions    | Snowflake | Mittens |
| MLK Day        | Blizzard  | Scarf   |
| Winter         | Frozen    | Shovel  |



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Facebook Page at [www.facebook.com/firstwesleyumc](https://www.facebook.com/firstwesleyumc).

Pastor Jinha Choi

“Sunday Worship Time: 11:00am”

The January Newsletter

# STRONGER TOGETHER



“We can do all things  
through Christ who strengthens us.”  
(Philippians 4:13)

IN-PERSON & ONLINE SUNDAY WORSHIP @ 10:00 AM

**COME JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY!**