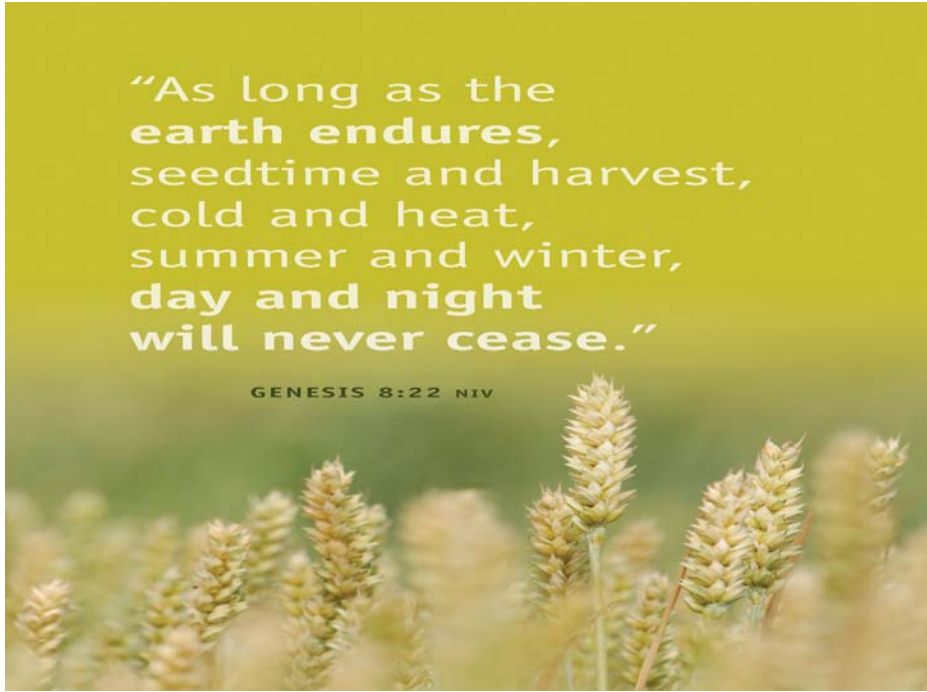


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DON'T FORGET OUR HARVEST FAIR!

**JOIN OUR FUN(D) RAISER
AND SUPPORT THE MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH.**

**Saturday, October 1st
9:00AM – 2:00PM**

October is a busy month at NKUMC . . . don't forget

- October 8 Men's Fish Fry
- October 16 Charge Conference Reports Due (Financial Reports due October 10/31)
- October 21-23 Women's 2nd Annual Retreat at Camp Aldersgate

October Calendar

						1 Harvest Fair
2 8:00 & 10 Communion 9:15 Adult SS 10:15 Sunday School	3 6:45 Scouts 6:45 Shepherding 7:00 Bible Study 7:00 NK Photo Guild	4 10:00 Staff Meeting 6:00 Bells 7:00 Choir 7:00 AA	5 4:45 Scouts 5:00 Scouts 7:00 Trustees	6 12:00 Ladies Fellowship 6:00 NK Land Conservancy 6:30 Scouts	7 7:00 Scouts	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast 5:00 Fish Fry
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Our October worship begins with World Communion Sunday. We celebrate being in community with Christ's global church! Being a diverse people, it's not uncommon for us to want to achieve certain goals and hold tightly to different ways of accomplishing them. We bring different understandings from multiple cultures, religious backgrounds, and ways of working. Some of us see the "big picture" while others see the intermediate steps. Achieving any goal or ministry plan is like doing a jigsaw puzzle: take one small piece at a time and build as the pieces present themselves or work the frame and fit the rest of the pieces within the given framework. Either method gets the job done!

As Christians, this is what we are called to do. Get the job done! The job? Making disciples for Jesus Christ to change our world to a more Godly place; to bring about God's justice and bring heaven to earth. We each play a part in this work, as we are each called as Christians to follow in Jesus footsteps and minister to our brothers and sisters in Christ, to the stranger, the needy, the handicapped, the hungry, the homeless, the sick... . The list is never ending, yet we should not be discouraged. We are a people of hope, and God has given us the spirit of love and of courage.

Jesus said, "The harvest is ready, and the laborers are few." Do we have the courage to labor in God's vineyard? To move forward to fulfill our baptismal promises and our membership vows to provide the love and support, the training and education, the environment for transformational spiritual opportunities to take place, that persons across all age groups may grow in their relationship with God? Do we have the courage to set our priorities to right that we can make an impact in our community as a people of faith? We can focus on everything that is wrong in our economy and world, or we can chose to build on what is good, and pure, and of God.

October is a wonderful time of year when we so vividly see the handiwork of God. As God is recreating the earth each day, we are called to join in this work. As stewards we are called to use our resources relying on God's wisdom for their best use. Yes, a portion of the gifts we receive from God are intended to be returned for use for the common good. Our time, our talents, our prayers, our finances, and our witness put together for God's purposes will result in a stronger more viable ministry in our community.

Let's "think outside the box." When it comes to tithing (the minimum being 10%) we can be like the steward who took his talents and buried them or like the steward who multiplied them 10 fold through wise use. I would encourage each one of us to "think outside the box" to find ways to grow in relationship to God and to the world. For some it may mean giving out of our poverty; for others it will mean giving out of our abundance. What gifts have you been given by the Spirit? How will you use them to strengthen Christ's ministry?

Shepherding Group - A Prayer Ministry

Each Sunday spoken prayers are gathered in our worship service. Yellow prayer slips are available in the pews for written joys/concerns. These can be placed in the offering plate. Shepherds receive a list these prayers and are committed to praying for them daily. Each Monday a prayer circle forms in the sanctuary from 6:45-7:00 pm to pray. Sometimes cards are signed to be sent in response to requests. You are welcome to join. If you are interested, see Paula Martasian, (paulaj.martasian@gmail.com ; 885-3773) or just come!

October Lectionary

October 2, 2011 World Communion Sunday

Texts: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21: 33-46

Message: Grounded in Wisdom

October 9, 2011

Texts: Exodus 32: 1-14; Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4: 1-9; Matthew 22: 1-14

Message: What Really Matters?

October 16, 2011 LAITY SUNDAY

Texts: Exodus 33: 12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10; Matthew 22: 15-22

Message: Mission Team presenting

October 23, 2011

Texts: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12; Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8; Matthew 22: 34 – 46

Message: Mark Zaccaria, Lay Speaker preaching

October 30, 2011 Reformation Sunday

Texts: Joshua 3: 7-17; Psalm 107: 1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13; Matthew 23: 1-12

Message: Transitions: Living and Moving with God

Angel Food Ministries

Early in September we received a letter from Angel Food Ministries telling us that there would be no September distribution. Angel Food Ministries has been struggling these past few months with increased costs in food and shipping and re-routing due to flooding, hurricanes, and tornados. We were also told they are trying to reorganize. When they do and fiscally are able to continue, we will be told. As of this writing we are waiting to hear.

As of this date there is no October distribution. We want to thank everyone who has supported this ministry. For two years it has helped many people stretch their food dollar. It has also helped families move from dependency on the food pantry to greater self-sufficiency. With the absence of Angel Food Ministries there may be greater need at the NK Food Pantry. Please continue to support this ministry as we reach out to our neighbors.

URGENT VOLUNTEER NEED:

Volunteers are needed to help in the ReStore

*Drivers assistants **ALL** days! Tuesday-Saturday!

*In Store helpers need for 8:30-1 and 12-5 on Tuesday (9/20)

and from 8:30-1 on Thursday (9/22)

Can you help? If so respond to this message or register on Volunteer Central!

Lunch is provided for both shifts!

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ"

Galatians 6:2

EQUIPPING LAYPEOPLE FOR CHRIST-CENTERED CARE

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR MINISTRY

Stephen's Ministries

Saturday, October 29, 2011

9AM – 1PM

At Bethany Covenant Church, 785 Mill Street, Berlin, CT

The workshop is divided into three sessions:

SESSION 1: Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief

SESSION 2: An Introduction to Stephen Ministry

SESSION 3: How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way

\$15.00 per person or \$50 for a group of four or more from one congregation

Each participant will receive two folders of materials; every congregation receives a DVD with videos to build support for beginning a Stephen Ministry.

Please indicate your interest to Pastor Lori so we may register as a group.

The Second Annual All Women's Retreat

SPONSORED BY

THE NORTH KINGSTOWN UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Making Peace with Mother Earth



Location: CAMP ALDERSGATE IN SCITUATE, RI

This is a weekend retreat.

Friday evening, October 21 – 2:00PM Sunday, October 23

Participants: Women only 18 years and older

Cost per participant: \$150.00 for the weekend

The cost is based on 20 participants. The price could change depending on the number of participants. This includes program and materials, room and board, snacks, and an endless pot of coffee...

Call Nina Dunne 789-3228 or Diana Warburton 294-9060 with questions or concerns

Two Great Opportunities for Fun and Fellowship

Harvest Craft Fair - October 1st

Invite your friends and families to visit us on October 1st from 9 to 2. The Harvest Fair is a day of fun and fellowship. Lunch will be served, coordinated by Warren Halstead, and there will be plenty of shopping to do, at our craft vendor's booths, the church bake sale, and church craft and re-gift table. We'll also need volunteers for setup, cleanup, to cook and serve lunch, and help staff the church tables.



Fish Fry - Saturday, October 8th 5PM

Come one, come all to our annual Fish Fry!

Great food, good fellowship and an opportunity to support the NK Food Pantry.

New England Clam Chowder, Fried Fish (hot dog, hamburger or chicken breast can be substituted upon request), French Fries, Corn-On-The Cob, Cole Slaw, and more!

See Jay Hickey or any member of UM Men for more details and tickets.



May we love ever more.

May we motivate ourselves to committed love in Action.

May we motivate ourselves to live the life we wish to see in the world.

May we be the transformation we wish to see in the world.

From the inside out . . .

From the roots branching upwards . . .

From the heart

to thought

to word

to action.

Through life's trails and hardships

we can arise beautiful and free.

For Luna – Julia Butterfly Hill – 11/26/2000

www.worldprayers.org

Sunday School

The new Sunday School year is off and running! We kicked things off on September 18, with an all-ages session where students and teachers planted daffodil bulbs, got acquainted with a “Human Scavenger Hunt” and enjoyed some ice cream.

We have a fabulous and enthusiastic team of teachers in place for this year:

Pre K-Kindergarten: Rachel Moyer, Marilyn Moffet

Grades 1-3: Wendy Halstead, Eve DeManouelian, Marina DeManouelian

Grades 4-6: Diana Duane, Danny Lynch

Grades 7-8: Nina Dunne, Richard Dunne, Mark DeManouelian

Grades 9-12: Pete Pellegrino, Kim Page, Mark Zaccaria

Our regular class schedule began on September 25th where we introduced our new curriculum, “Seasons of the Spirit”. The lessons correspond to the worship lectionary, so the sermon and Sunday School lessons will be based on the same Bible stories each week, providing families a great opportunity for discussion!

Attention NKUMC Sunday school! Here is an opportunity to have fun and do good at the same time!



TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

The original Kids Helping Kids® campaign

For more than 60 years, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF has served as the original Kids Helping Kids campaign. In 1950, children across America were inspired to collect coins for UNICEF to aid children abroad enduring the after-effects of World War II. It was not just a charity effort—it was a call to end the needless suffering of their more vulnerable peers around the globe. Since then, for generations of Americans, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF has been a powerful way to make a difference in the lives of the world’s children.

Today, that mission is as urgent as ever, and the campaign is just as vibrant. So, pick up the orange box, fill it with loose change or take it with you when you go out for Halloween on October 31, and Trick or Treat for the United Nation’s Children’s Emergency Fund.

Bring boxes full of change to church on Sunday, November 6th

CHECK IT OUT ON LINE

<http://youth.unicefusa.org/trickortreat/About/>

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THE NECESSITY OF WORSHIP

As the student wobbled across the campus quadrangle one Sunday morning after an all night party, he was chagrined to meet one of his favorite professors striding briskly toward the college chapel. "I see that you decided to go to worship this morning, professor." "No," came the reply. "But aren't you heading into the chapel?" "I am, but I didn't decide to do it this morning." "I don't understand." "I decided to worship when I became a Christian 50 years ago. I understood then that worship is a part of the covenant that I accepted. That hasn't changed. That's why I'm going to worship this morning."

When I joined the church, I announced publicly that Jesus Christ was my Lord and Savior, and I promised to uphold the church with my prayers, my presence, my gifts, and my service. I'm not sure that I really understood the implications of all I said that day, but one thing was clear to me then: worship was not optional. In the more than sixty years since then, that hasn't changed for me. When I don't 'go to church,' something is missing.

I love the little 'aside' in Luke's account of when Jesus announced what his ministry was about: "And he went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the Sabbath day." [Luke 4:16] "As his custom was!" [the exclamation point is mine] For Jesus the covenant of faith included worship. It was not optional.

Now, I understand that 'worship' and 'going to church' are not synonymous. But I also know that most times when people say, "I don't have to go to church to worship," it is often more of an excuse rather than a theological reflection. We used to tease my father that in the summer he was a member of the Fairway Baptist Church. I golfed with him enough to know that he didn't worship on the fairway [although I do think that he prayed a lot when he putted]. Even a cursory reading of scripture reveals that worship with others was the norm. And early Methodists knew that, if they missed worship, John Wesley would hold them to account.

I don't want this to come off judgmental, and I apologize if it seems that way, but there is that little promise we made to uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. It appears to me that the necessity of worship is part of the covenant and that keeping the covenant involves faithful worship.

So let me speak for myself and about what worship with a community of faith means to me. I need Sabbath. I need the rest and the focus on God that is at the heart of Sabbath. I need a time to publicly say, "Thank you!" to God for all that I am and for all that I have. I need other people as a sign that I am not alone in my faith. I need a special place where, with others, I can sing and pray and be challenged by the Word. I need a community where I can raise my questions, shed my tears, dream my dreams, see a vision of a world that embodies God's kingdom on earth by encouraging me to be generous and inviting me to service in Christ's name. I need a community that is larger than me, wiser than me, more faithful than me. That's why I 'go to worship.'

I was privileged to be raised in a little church where people bought into the necessity of worship; who, week after week, created an environment where a young boy could mature in his faith, discover a calling, and be sent into ministry. Perhaps the greatest argument for the necessity of worship is not what it does for us, but what it does for others!

October Anniversaries

- 6 Charles and Donna Hostetler
- 6 Nyles and Kim Kruger
- 8 David and Nancy Cruickshank
- 13 Tom and Nancy Laders
- 23 Steve and Zoe Brooks
- 23 Jim and Julia Moon
- 23 Eric and Christine Boettger
- 25 Alfred and Catherine Bucco

October Birthdays

- 1 Sherrie Blott
Chelsea Moyer
- 4 Alan Crouch
Mark DerManouelian
- 5 Julia Moon
Isabella Young
- 8 Matthew Walz
Tom Laders
- 9 Andy Coppa
Katherine Hostetler
- 11 Allison Dewhurst
- 12 Kathryn Bourgeois
- 14 Sharon Eaton
- 14 Sharon Kelvington
- 15 Amy Duhaime
Debra Lindberg
- 16 Marisa Cogswell
- 17 Al Blott
- 19 Helene Jannarelli
Bryce Cogswell
- 20 Susan Siekiera
- 21 Matthew Dunne
- 22 Trevor Kenyon
- 23 Nanette Mello
- 24 Steve Brooks
Charlie Coppa
- 26 Jason Young
- 28 Carlene Choinski
- 29 Warren Halstead III



BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

41st Annual Retreat of South County Church Women United

Saturday October 15th

9:00AM to 3:30PM

Retreat Leader: Madeline Pecora Nugent

Location: South Kingstown Land Trust

17 Matunuck Beach Road, Wakefield

Cost \$40, includes morning snack and lunch

For more details contact Marilyn Moffett 401-294-2188

Spring Flooding and UMCOR

Dear Friends in Mission:

Thank you for your generous gift to the United Methodist Committee on Relief. **100 percent** of your contribution will go to Spring Storms 2011, Advance #3021326, through The Advance, the designated giving channel of the United Methodist Church.

Your gift received on 08/29/11 for \$445.00 is supporting UMCOR's response to emergency victims of tornado, flood, etc. caused by the Spring Storms of 2011 in United States.

(The letter in its entirety is posted in the Narthex.)

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Return Service Requested