



UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF MILFORD

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Worship Service 9:30am

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A Message from our Pastor

Rev. Stephen Scovell, Pastor

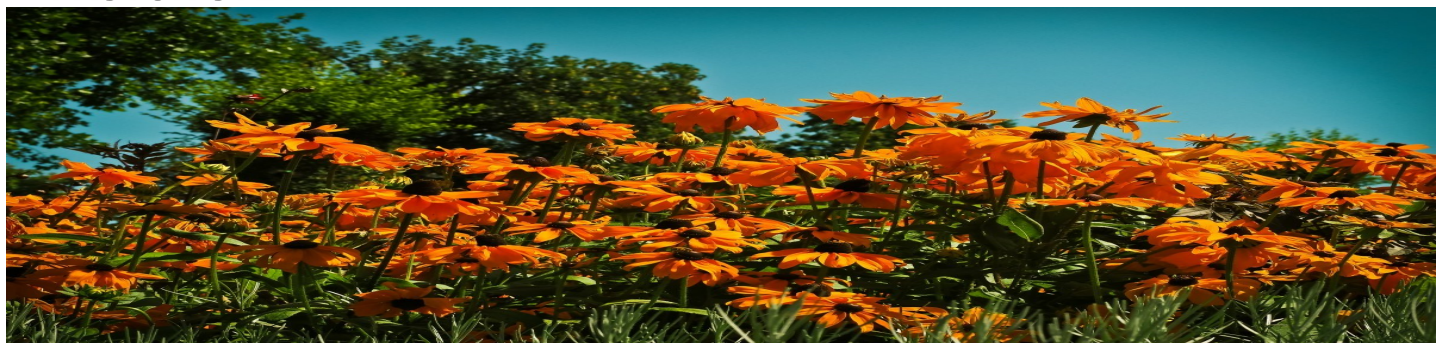
Hello UPC Family,

The warm weather is upon us. I have waited so long for winter to finally come to an end. Sometimes it feels eternal. With spring taking full force, I am often reminded of the resurrection story and the promise of new life. In the book of Revelation, the writer records these words: "Behold, I am making all things new." The writer of Revelation had just seen some pretty wild things. Demons and Dragons and chaos and violence and angels and multi headed figures. Revelation is an intense and confusing ride. The great theologian, John Calvin, wrote commentaries on every book of the Bible except Revelation. When asked why he ignored Revelation, he responded, "because who could understand that..." LOL.

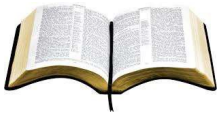
But Revelation is a very relatable book. Because our lives often feel chaotic and uncertain and weird and unexplainable. It is hard to make sense of all the tragedy in our world. But maybe we aren't meant to make sense of it. I've personally never heard a good explanation for why there is suffering, and if there was a good answer, would it actually satisfy my soul? Maybe, somehow, we are simply meant to trust in the promise at the end of the book: ***that God is making all things new***. Despite all the hardships, disappointments, frustrations, longings, God is going to make something new. Because God makes beauty come from ashes.

Spring is a reminder that winter isn't forever. The deadness of winter is always met with the Newness of spring. Life is springing up. Resurrection is here. If you're struggling to be hopeful right now, know that God makes everything new. And as the writer of Ecclesiastes once wrote: God has made everything beautiful for its time. The promise of Revelation is that *every end* is met with a *new beginning*. I pray you find comfort in the promise of spring and the hope of resurrection. May you know that there is always something good ahead and that God will take our brokenness and restore it into something beautiful.

PASTOR STEVE



BIBLE STUDY



Bible Study is postponed until further notice.



Pub Theology

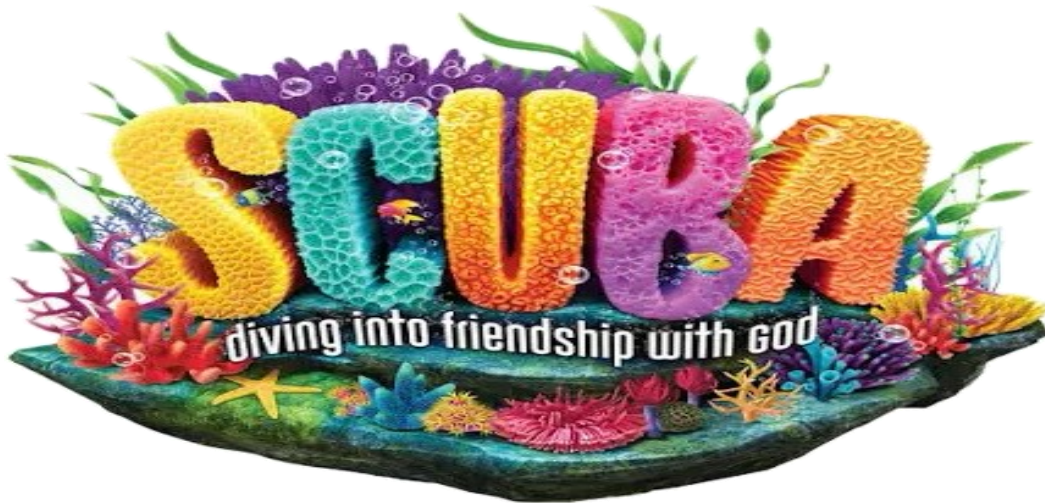
Pub Theology is reading the book "Curveball" by Pete Enns. We will be meeting once in May. On May 15, 2024, Pub Theology will be hosted by the O'Briens,

7 Trumbull Avenue at 7:00pm

All are welcome.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Vacation Bible School
at UPC!

Monday, July 15th-Thursday, July 18th

Questions? Want to volunteer?
Email Amanda Kemp at aewilkinson@gmail.com



FELLOWSHIP

LADIES NIGHT OUT



PLEASE JOIN US on Thursday, May 16 th
at 6pm

For an evening of Food, Fun & Fellowship

Mai Thai Restaurant

501 Boston Post Rd., Orange, CT 06477

Liberty Square Plaza

(Across from Hawley Lane Shoes)

Check out their menu at: <https://maithaict.com/our-menus/>

RSVP to Sara Ice

(203-727-7953 / tinfoilhat695@gmail.com)

By May 13th

UPC Financial Update

As 03/31/2024

YTD Income: \$ 24,229.29 Expenses: \$ 36581

YTD Net Ordinary Income (Loss): (\$ 12,352)



MISSIONS

Purple Pantry

We always welcome your donations of the following items:

Cereal, individual	Chef Boyardee or Chili	Water (individual bottles)
Peanut butter	Protein Drinks	Nuts, individual sleeves
Chili	individual sleeves	Macaroni & cheese
Vienna Sausage	Ramen Noodles, cup or pkg	Individual fruit cups
Chicken in a can	Tuna fish	Baked Beans

..... IN individual portion size, flip tops, when possible,

No Sweets

ALSO

WE ARE STILL ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF CLOTHING ITEMS

Thank you all for your continued support for Purple Pantry , clothing drive and other missions activities.

News from the Deacons!

☀️ Join Our Ushering Team! ☀️

Thank You to those who faithfully signed up as Ushers each Sunday in April

May 5 th : Jill Krakovich & Valerie Fanning

May 12 th : Chamonix Sikora & Susan Bedworth

May 19 th : Nadine Logan & Nancy Shirley

May 26 th : Chamonix Sikora & Jim Wilkinson

Communion is served on the first and third Sunday of each month by presently serving and past ordained Elders.

The Deacons extend a big “Thank You” to everyone who volunteers to usher each month. If you’d like to usher and have questions about being an usher, please contact

Cindy Sloan (Deacon) at **203-306-8453**.



Sunday Ushers!



☀️ Thank You for Hosting Social Hour! ☀️



Social Hour Hosts for May!

Thanks to those who have signed up to host Social Hour for the month of May. Each Sunday, the Deacons take the labor out of hosting Social Hour by making the coffee and setting up the beverage table and assist the host in setting up the refreshment table.

The host just simply brings whatever refreshments they wish to provide!

The month of May has only 1 Sunday that needs a host, May 19 th . If you would like to host on May 19 th please contact Joyce Haig, **203-232-1313** or use the sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

May 5th : Cindy Sloan

May 12th : Cathy Wilkinson

May 19th : Available!

May 26th : Vince Romano



The month of June has plenty Sundays available too! Just speak to Deacon Valerie Fanning about volunteering to host in June.

The Deacons



HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Everett Kemp ~ May 8th
Dan Kemp ~ May 13th
Quinn Ann Stevens ~ May 20th

Jesus