

Living By Faith

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH
OF HARTFORD
January/February
2025



OUR NEW YEARS PRAYER FOR YOU

The New Year comes with so many hopes and goals. Our Creator has given us the chance to start anew. We thank Him and begin this New Year 2025 with gratitude.

We ask our Lord to bless us with good health and strength this year. Keep us safe from harm, and give us the energy to face each day with hope and courage

May your troubles fade away and your prayers come true. May God's love and protections always be upon you. Happy New Year to you and yours.

In this bi-monthly newsletter we hope to bring you:

Church Committee News & Updates

Upcoming Dates for Your Calendar

Stories of Impact

Volunteer & Committee Spotlight

Call to Volunteer or Donate

Feel free to send suggestions & ideas to: mbush725@outlook.com



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVENT NEWS

January 2025: Crafting Fun

Date: January 6, 2025

Hostesses: Robin Pfothenauer and Michelle Morin.

DIY Program Leaders: Jody Key and Victoria Triick

What to Bring: A white item (T-shirt, dish towel, handkerchief) with at least 50% cotton and a kitchen-size plastic garbage bag.

February 2025: Informative Session on Home Care

Date: Monday, February 3, 2025

Speaker: Cathy Alsum, RN/BSN Clinical Director for Hartford Branch of Horizon Home Care Hospice Inc. and Supportive Home Care Services.

Program/Discussion: We look forward to learning about various care resources available in the area and invite you to learn along with us.

Cheryl Malke



HOME DELIVERED MEALS

HARTFORD

DRIVERS NEEDED
TUESDAYS APPROX.
10:45AM-12:00PM

Our Senior Dining Program needs you!
Call the Hartford Meal Site for more information!
262-483-2049

Aging & Disability Resource Center of Washington County

50 years
SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM
CELEBRATE • INSPIRE • EDUCATE

Volunteers Needed for Home Delivered Meal Program in Hartford

The Washington County Senior Dining Home Delivered Meal program needs volunteer drivers in the Hartford area on Tuesdays between 10:45am-12:00pm. Volunteers would give approximately 1 1/2 hours to take noon meals to homebound persons. Drivers can have their mileage reimbursed. Please call the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Washington County at 262-335-4497 or 1-877-306-3030 for more information.

Children and Family Ministries

Brianna Lee - Children and Family Ministries Director

brianna.fumc@gmail.com

(262)673-3290 ~ (262)709-6071

WOW! What a busy Fall we had here at FUMC!

We hosted so many fun and exciting events including the Fallween Fall Festival, the Thanksgiving Potluck and Pie Auction, Turkey Sitters Babysitting Day, PJs with Santa, the Living Nativity, and the Children's Christmas Program.

Thank you so much to everyone that was involved in planning and executing these amazing events!

It truly takes a village and our FUMC Village is INCREDIBLE!

Now that January is here we are back to our normal Sunday School Programing and look forward to seeing all of our kiddos in the classrooms again!

Important Upcoming Dates

Messy Church

January 8th, 6pm

February 5th, 6pm

Noisy Can Collection

January 19th

February 16th

March 16th



HOSPITALITY UPDATE

“God is “able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us” (Ephesians 3:20). He has more for you than you can imagine. Stay focused on God, and He will keep you in perfect peace as He moves you into the future He has for you.”

This was my calendar devotional for December 26th, and it really spoke to me, but I think it can speak to all of us, as the whole body of the church. The Hospitality Ministry Team is committed to making everyone feel welcome and at home here, and I believe if we each take this verse personally, we will be setting the groundwork for those who come visit our church and those who attend. They should not only feel welcomed but loved. As we work toward letting God lead us in His direction, we will hopefully lead others as well, so they may not only feel our loving hearts, but God’s true grace giving love.

PAST EVENTS

Falloween, November Babysitting and Live Nativity

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the MCCI triad of events. This couldn’t have happened without the efforts of all of you.

Christmas Parade – Thank you to everyone who showed up and helped with the Christmas parade, we won 1st place for our float!

Advent Luncheon –Another successful Advent Luncheon. We served about 130 people including the group of singers from the High School. It was an amazing event. Every hostess put so much love into decorating their tables as always, and the choir was wonderful. From what I heard everyone enjoyed the meal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Currently, we do not have any events coming up for January or February, but keep a look out, we have a couple of ideas we are tossing around for February.
- The next Event we will sponsor will be the Soup and Salad supper for the Ecumenical Lenten Service. Watch for sign-up sheets closer to that date.

Coffee Hour Hosts for January and February 2025 – there are multiple slots to be filled at this time. I am waiting for the various Ministry Teams to confirm their dates. If you are interested in serving on a team or have a group that would like to sponsor Coffee Hour, please contact me via email. victoriatriick@gmail.com)

JANUARY COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

1/05/25 - TBD
1/12/25 - **Mission Team**
1/19/25 - TBD
1/26/25 - **ABL**

FEBRUARY COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS

2/02/25 - TBD
2/09/25 - TBD
2/16/25 - **Bell Choir**
2/23/25 - TBD

Blessings,

Victoria Triick

Hospitality Ministry Team Leader





DID YOU KNOW THAT WE HAVE A RADIO STATION BASED IN OUR CHURCH?

It's pretty great! Welcome to **Warrior X Radio** that was created in January of 2023 with the idea in mind to provide a positive alternative to a lot of the music out there that just keeps getting darker and more depressing. It also hopes to show people that good vibes and positivity comes in many different packages, even with guitars, keyboards, steel drums, tattoos, and sometimes some growling vocals.

The founder of the station, Josh "Gator" Thompson took well over a decade long spiritual journey through many different religions and spiritualities to come to the realization that even though we may be on different waves we are all swimming in the same ocean. He's always been that guy with a song playing in his head and believes everything in life is music. He is joined by Joel "Dozer" Leonhardt, who always brings the happy and silver lining to any dark cloud, Chris Weed, the philosophy guy, Tony "Goomba" Lafagio, and the kid Jack Jenson aka Just Jack. They are a few guys who have been around the block a couple of times in life and know a thing or two about spirituality, standing up for what you believe in, and having a desire to lift others up when they're feeling down. We hope you enjoy listening, and if you do, please help us spread the word by telling a few people.

There are several different ways you can listen:

- Download our mobile app from google play or the Apple store. (Coming in 2025)
- Download the Live365 app on your mobile device or smart tv and search for Warrior X Radio. Make sure you "favorite" us so you can always find us super easily
- Go to the Live365 website and listen there.

Whichever way you choose to listen, thank you for doing so. Please tell a few people and help us spread the word. Be sure to check out their website:

<https://warriorxradio.org>