



GOD'S HEAVENLY TIME CLOCK

Can you believe that half of 2018 has come and gone? Before you know it, the world will be shouting "Happy New Year" as January 2019 rolls in. If you are like me, you may find yourself occasionally feeling as if there aren't enough hours in the day. It seems as if time is moving "faster than a speeding bullet", or is it?

When we read and study about Jesus, we discover that He had only three years to complete His earthly mission before returning to the Father. This was the time allotted to Him. Knowing this, Jesus reminded His disciples that, "*We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.*" John 9:4

Perhaps, beloved, the issue is not that we don't have enough time during the day. Maybe we need to realign ourselves with God's time. Maybe it is us that need to: slow down more, eat better, exercise, sit and reflect more, pray more, study more, rest, reassess our priorities, and get back on track with God's time clock. Then, we can get back to work with new vision, energy, and enthusiasm.

You know what; I think I am going to refocus my attention on God's heavenly time clock. I'm almost certain that I will get better results with His contract (a.k.a. covenant) than any worldly one. And, I'm further confident that I will have more than enough time to accomplish whatever is before me.

Peace,
Pastor Rhonda

Lectionary Readings for the Month of July 2018

July 1 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost (Color: Green)

2Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; 2Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43
Liturgist: Jane Brubaker

July 8 – 7th Sunday after Pentecost (Color: Green)

2Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; 2Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13
Liturgist: Mary Cockram

July 15 – 8th Sunday after Pentecost (Color: Green)

2Samuel 6:1-5, 12-9; Psalm 24; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29
Liturgist: Richard Muirhead

July 22 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost (Color: Green)

2Samuel 7:1-14; Psalm 89:20-37; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Liturgist: Kevin Loveland

July 29 – 10th Sunday after Pentecost (Color: Green)

2Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21
Liturgist: Ashley Blount

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE END OF INSTITUTIONAL DISCRIMINATION CONCERNING OUR HOMOSEXUAL BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

Our Methodist Tradition:

- calls us to love one another without regard to our differences.
- tells us that we all are treasured children of God.
- encourages us to do all the good we can in every way that we can and to do no harm.
- embraces the findings of science.

It is therefore resolved that United Methodist Church of Hartford fully supports the efforts of the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church to end the institutional discrimination concerning homosexuals by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church.

To end this institutional discrimination, we ask that all such discriminatory language be removed from the United Methodist Church's Book of Discipline, including the statement "the practice of homosexuality is inconsistent with Christian teaching". We also ask that same gender marriage and the ordination of homosexuals be permitted.

While the discriminatory rules remain in place, let it be clear that the conduct of same-gender ceremonies within our church will be at the Pastor's discretion.

BALLOT RESULTS (Date: Sunday, May 27, 2018)

Total members: 125 • **Total Ballots Submitted:** 19 in person ballots 35 absentee ballots

Yes, I am in favor of this resolution: 37 No, I am not in favor of this resolution: 13 Abstain: 4

JULY CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

6 - Stephen Derby

19 - Ethan Atkinson (c)

29 - Carol Fisher

Ava Nepaul & Jason Siegal - 7/4/99

12 - Markus Gabbidon (Mathews) (c)

Owen Atkinson (c)

31 - Sharon Kirton

Rae & Eddie Thompson - 7/5

28 - Rae Thompson

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO PROVIDE SUMMER MUSIC FOR THE CHURCH



For the months of July and August we are in need of volunteer musicians for the Sunday Morning Worship services.

The Worship Team is looking to schedule volunteer musicians for July and August. Each Sunday there is opportunity to provide music for the whole service, or for an offertory, a prelude, or postlude, or accompany for the congregational hymns and service music when others are presenting the solo music. These opportunities include both vocal and instrumental music.

If you are interested, please call Sandra Ann Craig at 860-738-2035 or Deanna Swanson at 850-870-0422 to arrange a date and discuss the arrangements.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018 • 8:30 AM



The monthly Community Breakfast will take place on Sunday, July 8, 2018, starting at 8:30 am. We thank everyone who has volunteered at previous breakfasts. If you would like to support us by volunteering your services please email adbount86@gmail.com.

UMC of Hartford serves breakfast on the **2nd Sunday** of each month. The prayer is that people of the neighborhood will know that they are loved by God and cared for by the UMC of Hartford community.

Matthew 25:35 "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink. I was a stranger and you invited me in."

We're so proud of all our Graduates!

Sheila Crockett Sennett

graduated in December, 2017, from Yale University's Physician Associate Program with a Masters Degree in Medical Sciences.



Meghan Erin Welsh

graduated from the University of New Haven with a Masters Degree in Forensic Science.

James L. Leach, Jr.

graduated this May from the Hartford Seminary from their Black Ministries program.

Nathan John Atkinson

Currently attends Coventry High School; next year he will attend the Coventry High School Vocational Program.

Ethan Thomas Atkinson

is graduating from Captain Nathan Hale Middle School in Coventry and will attend Coventry High School next year.

Owen Edward Atkinson

Currently attends the CREC River Street Autism School-Birkin in Bloomfield and will continue his studies there next year.

WISHING YOU A SUMMER FULL OF BLESSINGS!