



Parish Post

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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.



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BUDGET CORNER FOR JULY, '26

	Income	Expenses
Actual	\$273,310	\$287,811
Budget	\$269,867	\$278,468

Today's Factoid – Did you know...

The budget numbers are estimates based on an average of previous year's monthly experience, adjusted for known **1** upcoming major changes.

Upcoming Events

WCC CRAFT FAIR Nov. 7, 2026

It's time to start thinking about
our Church Craft Fair
and time to ask yourself;
WHAT CAN I DO THIS YEAR TO HELP.

This is our biggest church fundraiser each year and a little help from many makes for a successful day. We will have our many crafters again this year in the community room and our Baked Potato luncheon which you can eat here or take home. Also, in the community room will be our Gift Card Raffle which we can use donations for in any amount to cover the cost of the gift cards.

Volunteers
needed



Listed here are many ways that you can contribute:

CRAFT BOOTH looks for donations of handmade items made by members and friends of our church. Patty Albrecht heads up this booth and will be happy to accept your donations anytime and answer any questions you might have.

JEWELRY BOOTH looks for gently used jewelry that you are ready to part with. All types are accepted, ladies, men's and children's and we will be happy to clean and shine to almost new. Liza Love heads up this booth and we will have a marked box in the Gathering room at a later date where you can leave your jewels or you can give them directly to Liza.

BAKERY BOOTH looks for anything and everything you would like to bake. You will hear more about this booth as we get closer to fair day. Betty Malley will answer any questions you might have.

REGIFTING BOOTH This booth is in the planning stage and we will be looking for new items that you received as gifts or bought and know that you will never use and are just taking up space in your home.

BOOKS---WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A BOOK BOOTH THIS YEAR.

As always we will need lots of help to set-up, clean-up and many to work the day of the fair.



CHICKENS, BEANS AND BIG Dreams

CROP Hunger Walk October 18th 1:00 p.m.

Would you like to take a nice fall walk and donate to a good cause?

Wapping Community Church as the walk for you!

Join us for a two-mile round trip walk starting at our church

Church World Service sponsors walks around the nation as their main fundraiser.

Our local recipient, Manchester Area Conference of Churches (MACC),
receives 25% of the donations from our walk.

Please visit the website below or scan the QR code to
register with our team: Wapping Walkers.

Please see Wapping Walkers helpers at coffee hour with
donations of cash or check.

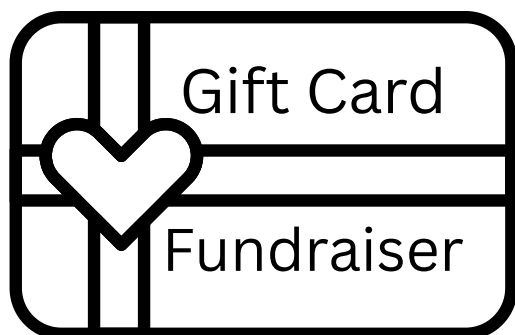
Thank you for your continued support!

crophungerwalk.org/manchesterct



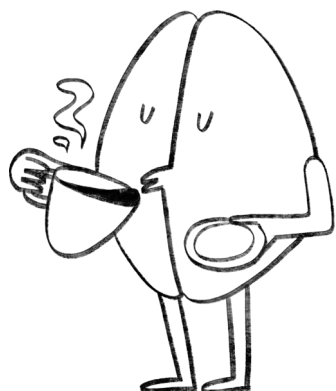
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Donate or sign up
for your walk today!

Lend a Hand



Pro Tip:

Purchase super market cards weekly to pay for groceries; or Amazon cards for payments rather than using a credit card!



The sale of gift cards is not just for the Thanksgiving and Christmas giving opportunities. You can purchase gift cards throughout the year for yourself or others. There are hundreds of merchants who offer a small percentage of return for the purchase.

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Wapping Church receives a portion of that...thus the Fund Raiser. On the order form, indicate the number of cards desired, pay by cash or check made out to Wapping Community Church. Cards are ordered on Sunday afternoon and you have them the next week. Find Pat in the Community Room at coffee hour each Sunday morning.

Pat Anderson 860-614-7587

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Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour is a special time after services enjoyed by many. This is an opportunity to socialize and enjoy the company of our fellow parishioners.

In order for the program to continue this year, volunteers are needed.

In particular, there is a need for setting up tables and chairs along with filling coffee pots on Saturday evenings in preparation for Sunday's services. If

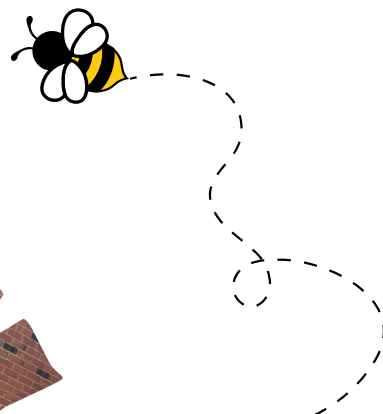
interested in offering any availability, please contact the church office or Linda Manning at 860-289-4088.



We hope you enjoy the gardens as you walk into church!
We are happy to have WCC Gardeners who take care of the flowers,
trim the bushes, edge the walkways and mulch.

New members are always welcome!

Here are a few photos of them working this week on the walkways.



Interested in joining the fun?
Reach out to
Pat Anderson 860-614-7587

Outreach

This past Spring, Wapping Church commissioned five newly trained **Stephen Ministers**. They have joined our existing group of five members forming a dedicated caring team. The mission of this ministry is to support members of our church and community who are dealing with a life difficulty. Often meeting their care receiver weekly, Stephen Ministers offer confidential faithful support and care, reminding them that they are not alone. If you or someone you know of could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Nancy Calabrese at 860-558-8830 or the church office.

The **South Windsor Food and Fuel Bank** has informed us of the need for several items. We will be collecting peanut butter, kids snacks, small-medium sized laundry detergent and dish soap through the month of September. Please leave your donations in the marked containers in the Gathering Room.

Please remember that **we continue to collect coats** throughout the year. You may leave your new or gently used, clean coat or gloves/mittens in the Caring Ministries Room located on the second floor adjacent to the church library. These donations will be distributed at our annual Foodshare Holiday Luncheon 12/3/26.

MACC Volunteer Saturday Dates!

Please join us for all or part of one of our upcoming MACC Volunteer Saturdays. Our activities include cooking and preparing hot and cold meals, sorting and repackaging weekly store donations and labeling non-perishable foods. We also help out at the MACC Thrift Store, sorting and marking donated clothing and household items.

We meet at the MACC Campus at 466 Main Street in Manchester.

The Saturday volunteer dates are:
Sept. 12 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., and Nov. 14 - 1:30-5:00 p.m.

Contact Matt Desy (mattdesy01@gmail.com) for more information and to sign up.



COMMUNITY DINNERS

Over the past few years WCC has put on *free* Community Dinners open to anyone in need of a warm meal, good conversation, and a sense of community.

We usually serve about **150 people** at each dinner!

Our first Community Dinner for 2026-2027 is scheduled for Friday, October 23rd so it's time to begin planning!

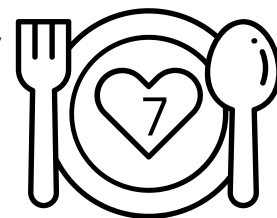
Outreach is looking for anyone who would like to join the planning committee to get the ball rolling for October.

If you are interested in helping out...
or just curious to see what goes into planning... please join one of our planning meetings.

These will be held every Thursday morning from 10-11am beginning on Sept. 10th in the Reception Room.
If you can't make these meetings but would like to help please contact the church office and leave your name and number.

We will be looking for "day of " help closer to the dinner.

We've gained a lot of experience and lessons learned over the past dinners
so we've gotten pretty good at this...
but we always need new ideas and additional hands!



Tween & Teen Corner



JPF will start on September 20th!

**All Middle School Youth are
invited to attend.**

**We will gather from
4-6pm at church
in the main kitchen.**

Please contact Patty Albrecht at albrmp@cox.net or [860-670-8058](tel:860-670-8058),
if you have any questions.

Rebecca Shinkoff, Shari Worthington and Patty are looking forward to a
great JPF year.



It is that time of year again when we prepare for our
fall SPF kickoff! SPF is open to any youth who are in
grades 9-12. As always, bringing friends is
encouraged. The more the merrier!

OUR FIRST MEETING WILL BE ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20TH 4-6PM

We request that parents/guardians come to the first part of the meeting to fill out paperwork for the
year. We will give out a schedule, talk about the mission trip and answer any questions you may have!

Please note our mission trip this year is scheduled from June 27th- July 3rd 2027.
Save the dates! Details to come...

SPF meets every sunday from 4-6 throughout the year unless otherwise noted.

Also, On Saturday September 19th we encourage SPF members and their families to attend the WCC
Foster Family Farm Event! If your family would like to attend this is the link for tickets...

<https://shop.beyonk.com/o5jlnxk9/experiences/pwn5gp7o>

If you have any questions before the 20th please do not hesitate to reach out!

God Bless,

Micaela and the SPF Advisors
abernethymicaela@gmail.com

Faith Formation



Saturday, September 19 | 6:00–8:00 PM

Foster Family Farm

90 Foster Street
South Windsor, CT

Join Wapping Community Church for a fun-filled fall evening at Foster Family Farm!

Bring a flashlight and explore the corn mazes after dark. Families can also enjoy hayrides, pedal karts, and the Bounce Pad while lighting conditions allow.

Our group will have access to a **private tent area**, providing a comfortable place to gather, relax, enjoy dinner, and spend time together throughout the evening.

Food trucks will be available until **8:00 PM** with a variety of dinner and snack options available for purchase.

Be sure to visit the new **Sunflower Walkthrough**, a beautiful setting for fall photos and family memories.

Special Group Pumpkin Pricing

- Carving pumpkins: **\$5 each**
- Decorative pumpkins: **\$5 each**
- Sugar pumpkins: **\$3 each**

Purchase your tickets here: [Purchase Link](#)

We hope you will join us for a wonderful evening of fall activities, fellowship, and family fun with our Wapping church family.

Children's Sunday Recap

On Sunday, May 31, Wapping Community Church celebrated Children's Sunday, a special service highlighting the children and youth of our congregation.

Our Church School children participated in worship and helped make the service a joyful celebration of their faith, growth, and involvement throughout the year. It was a wonderful opportunity for the congregation to recognize and celebrate the important role our children and youth play in the life of the church.

Thank you to all of the children, families, teachers, and volunteers who helped make Children's Sunday such a meaningful and memorable celebration!

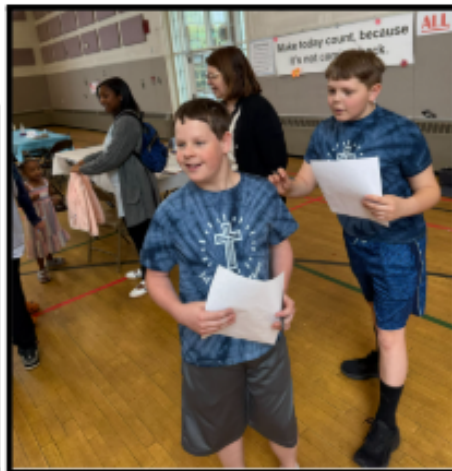


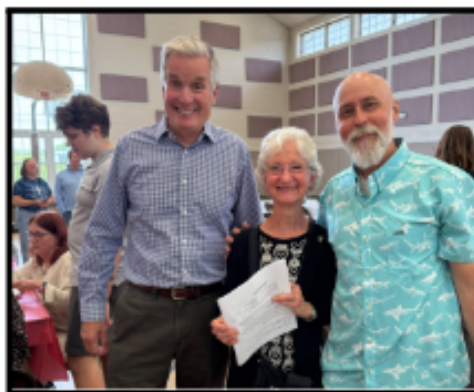
Birthday Party Celebration

On Sunday, May 31, we gathered for a special Birthday Party celebration filled with fun, fellowship, and plenty of reasons to celebrate!

Families enjoyed spending time together, playing BINGO, sharing birthday cake, and celebrating birthdays throughout the year. It was a fun and festive way to come together as a church family and enjoy time with one another.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the party possible and to all of the families who joined us for the celebration!







Once again this year, our Vacation Bible School families and volunteers teamed up with our congregation to collect food for the South Windsor Food & Fuel Bank. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped support families in our community. Our VBS families and volunteers truly are angels, and we are so grateful for their generosity and caring hearts!

Vacation Bible School Recap: Camp Firelight

What a wonderful week we had at Vacation Bible School! This year, our campers experienced Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God. Throughout the week, children learned what it means to trust God in all circumstances while enjoying Bible stories, music, crafts, games, recreation, and time together.

Our theme verse for the week was:

"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in you." – Psalm 56:3

Each day, our campers explored a different Bible story and discovered a new way that we can put our trust in God:

Day 1: God Goes with Jacob (Genesis 28:10–22)

We learned that we can trust God to go with us wherever we go.

Day 2: Ruth Chooses to Go (Ruth 1)

Ruth's story reminded us that we can trust God to lead the way, even when we are unsure of what comes next.

Day 3: Young Jesus Shares Wisdom (Luke 2:41–52)

We discovered that we can trust God to share wisdom and help guide us as we learn and grow.



Day 4: Jesus Calms the Storm (Mark 4:35–41)

Through the story of Jesus calming the storm, we learned that we can trust God to give us peace, especially when we are afraid.

Day 5: The Good News Sparks Joy (Acts 8:26–40)

We ended our week learning that we can trust God to spark joy and that we can share the Good News of God's love with others.

Our campers also put their faith into action through our VBS mission project. Throughout the week, families generously donated food and needed supplies for the South Windsor Food & Fuel Bank. Thank you to everyone who contributed and helped us care for our neighbors in the South Windsor community.

A special thank you to all of our children, youth helpers, adult volunteers, families, and everyone who donated their time, talents, and supplies to make Camp Firelight such a memorable week. We are grateful for another wonderful VBS filled with faith, friendship, service, and fun!





Fall Worship & Church Picnic at Nevers Park

Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 AM
Nevers Park Pavilion

You are invited to join us as Church School kicks off for the new year and we return to our 10:00 AM worship service!

The Deacons are hosting this special morning at the Nevers Park Pavilion. We will worship together, and Church School children will be dismissed during the service for their own activities.

After worship, everyone is invited to stay for a cookout with burgers and hot dogs. Please bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share.

There will be plenty of fun for the children, including games, an inflatable obstacle course, and a visit from Miss Jenna, the Face Painting Mama, who will be back again this year!

We hope you will join us as we reconnect after the summer, celebrate the start of a new Church School year, and enjoy a morning of worship, fellowship, food, and fun together.

I want to make sure I order enough curriculum and supplies for our children. Please [Register](#) for our FREE Church School Program for 2026-2027:



Erin Murray for the link wappingfaith@gmail.com

Faithfully,

Board of Christian Faith Formation and Erin Murray, Church School Coordinator

Music Ministry

Our Choir concluded another wonderful season in June, followed by our annual choir picnic: a joyful opportunity to celebrate a year of music and fellowship. One of the special highlights of the spring was our Men's Choir singing "Make You Feel My Love" on Mother's Day.



We are grateful to Ann St Denis and Marika Kraus for providing music during July, and to Beth Gemmell, Hannah Fahey, Rob Elliott, and Justin George for sharing their voices as soloists throughout the summer. Thank you for enriching our services with your musical gifts!



Looking back & SINGING & AHEAD



Choir rehearsals resume on Thursday, September 10, from 7:00–8:30 p.m., and continue weekly. If you enjoy singing and would like to become part of our welcoming musical community, we would love to have you join us. Come make music, build friendships, and help lead our congregation in worship!

