



PARISH POST

Wapping Community Church, United Church of Christ
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!

April, 2025

HOLY WEEK *Schedule*

17-20
APRIL

Thursday
APRIL 17TH

Walk the Labyrinth and hear
The Stations of the Cross.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
7PM

Friday
APRIL 18TH

Most solemn day of the church year.
Observes the day Jesus was
crucified. Service of Prayer.

GOOD FRIDAY
12 NOON

Sunday Sunrise
APRIL 20TH

Major Michael Donnelly Land Preserve
1165 Sullivan Ave, South Windsor, CT
*Bring your own chairs

SUNRISE EASTER SERVICE
6:15AM

Sunday
APRIL 20TH

Hallelujah Christ has risen! This
day we celebrate the resurrection
of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and
celebrate with great joy.

EASTER SUNDAY
9AM & 11AM

WAPPING COMMUNITY CHURCH

WAPPINGCHURCH.ORG 860-644-0833

**WCC Youth Led the
March 16th Worship
Service with Music,
Scripture and Dance**





"Paint Night" on March 29 Raised Close to \$1,100 for SPF Mission Trip to Philadelphia in June/July

Special Music this Spring

May 11 - Mother's Day Music, 10 a.m. Service
Celebrate Mother's Day with us on May 11 at a special Music Sunday service. Our choir, joined by The Unitarian Universalist Choir, and multiple instrumentalists, will present music by Randall Thompson set to poetry by Robert Frost. This will be a beautiful moment of reflection and gratitude for the nurturing love in our lives.



June 1 - Lisa Williamson, Soprano, Joins Our Choir - On June 1, we are honored to welcome Lisa Williamson, soprano, for a sacred collaboration with our choir. Together, they will perform "Light of a Clear Blue Morning", filling our hearts with divine grace and inspiration.



April Calendar

Tues., April 1	Youth Council, 7 p.m., Youth Room
Wed., April 2	Foreign Policy Discussion Group, 7-9 p.m., Youth Room
Thurs., April 3	Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Sun., April 6	Worship Services, 8:30 and 10 a.m. Faith Formation Meeting/VBS Planning, 11:30 a.m., Erin's office, 2nd floor Sacred Dance Rehearsal, Sanctuary, 11:15 a.m. Adult Confirmation, 12:30, Earle Smith reception room
Tues., April 8	Deacons' Meeting, 7 p.m., Earle Smith room Pollinator Pathway Meeting, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall, All are welcome.
Thurs., April 10	Foodshare Mobile Pantry, 11:30 a.m., WCC Parking Lot Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Sun., April 13	Worship Services, 8:30 and 10 a.m. Sacred Dance Rehearsal, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Tues., April 15	Prayer Shawl Ministry, 10 a.m., Earle Smith room Outreach/Witness Ministry, 7 p.m. via Zoom
Thurs., April 17	Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m., Walk the Labyrinth Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Fri., April 18	Good Friday Service, 12 Noon, SPF Easter Vigil, 7-11 p.m.
Sun., April 20	Easter Sunday Worship Services, 6:30 Sunrise, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sacred Dance
Wed., April 23	Foreign Policy Discussion Group, 7-9 p.m., Youth Room
Thurs., April 24	Foodshare Mobile Pantry, 11:30 a.m., WCC Parking Lot Choir Rehearsal, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall Stephen Ministry, 7 p.m., Earle Smith room
Sat., April 26	MACC Volunteer Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., 466 Main St., Manchester
Sun., April 27	Worship Services, 8:30 and 10 a.m. <u>Save the Dates!</u>
Sat., May 3	Bottle & Can Drive, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., WCC Parking Lot
Tues., May 27	Oscar's All American Grill, 4-9 p.m. SPF Fundraiser, 855 Sullivan Ave. SW
Wed., June 25	Yard Goats Game, 7:10 p.m., see Len Dion for tickets (\$12 each)

Outreach Ministry Helps Our Community

Scouts' Bottle & Can Drive

Saturday May 3, 2025, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bag or box your redeemable bottles and cans and bring them to the WCC parking lot on May 3. The Scouts will help you unload them. All proceeds will benefit the Hartford Scouting Programs including Boy Scout Troop 2, Girl Scout Troop 10036 and Cub Scout Pack 2.

Checks may be made payable to the Hartford Kiwanis Fund, Inc. Thank you.

SECRET PRAYER PARTNER REMINDER

Soon it will be time to send your prayer partner an Easter card letting them know you have been praying for them. Sometime during the week of April 13th, Holy Week, you should mail your card so it arrives just before Easter. Mark your calendar so you don't forget.

Thank you to the many adults and children for taking part in this special event. If you need an address, please contact me, Betty Malley, bettymalley@att.net or phone, 860-646-2321.

Stephen Ministers Care - Our Stephen Ministers provide free, confidential, one-to-one Christian support and listening to people who are:

- Grieving the death of a loved one
- Hospitalized or recovering from hospitalization
- Lonely or discouraged
- Unemployed or in a job crisis
- Disabled or caring for an ill or disabled family member
- Moving or relocating
- New to the congregation or the community
- Anticipating the birth or adoption of a child
- Coping with a terminal illness or caring for a family member with a terminal illness
- Homebound or institutionalized
- Transitioning into retirement
- Dealing with the crisis of aging
- Facing a life transition
- Experiencing a spiritual crisis
- Victims of a disaster or accident

And for people facing countless other crises or life challenges or who are going through a difficult time and could benefit from the care of a supportive Christian friend. If you, or someone that you know of, could benefit from a Stephen Minister in our congregation, please contact Rev. Abernethy or Nancy Calabrese, 860-558-8830.



MACC Volunteer Saturdays are Back!

Once again, WCC members and friends have an opportunity to help at MACC in Manchester. We have four Saturdays scheduled, two food preparation and serving in the mornings, and two are assisting with sorting and labeling of items donated during afternoon food drives. We look forward to seeing you! Volunteer dates are:

April 26: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

May 10: 2- 5 p.m.

September 13: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

November 15: 2- 5 p.m.

Meet at MACC, 466 Main Street, Manchester, CT. Join us for some fun and fellowship while supporting this vital charity. Contact Matt Desy (mattdesy01@gmail.com) to sign up.

Youth Shine for Christ - Kids' Korner by Erin Murray

Spring has officially arrived!

We are truly grateful for the support of our families and friends in nurturing faith together. Thank you for bringing your children to Church each Sunday; it is a wonderful opportunity for them to deepen their understanding of their faith. March was a busy and fulfilling month for us, as we teamed up with Outreach Ministries to create hygiene kits for those in need (see opposite page,) volunteered at the Midwest Food Bank, enjoyed a delightful pasta dinner together, and built resurrection gardens with the congregation (below.) It truly is a blessing to come together as one community!



Erin Murray
Church School
Coordinator

Thank you to Everyone who Joined Us in Making Resurrection Gardens on Sunday, March 23 in the Community Room!



Senior Pilgrim Fellowship gave a beautiful Children's Message on Youth Sunday (above) and Jen DeCormier gave an inclusive Children's Message entitled *Anybody Can Serve* (left.)

Upcoming Easter Events: Sunday, April 13th, Palm Sunday: Children will enter the sanctuary behind our Donkey to celebrate Palm Sunday and re-live Jesus' parade into Jerusalem. In Church School, we will learn about Passover from Exodus 12.

April Church School:

Sunday, April 6th: Bible & Faith Chest Sunday

Vacation Bible School Meeting at 11:15 a.m. Come help us plan for VBS-all are welcome!

Sunday, April 13th: "Passover" Exodus 12

Faith Formation Meeting at 11:15 am. Come help us plan for the year- all are welcome!

Sunday, April 20th: Easter 6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Children's Messages

Sunday, April 27th: "Doubting Thomas" John 20:19-3

Important Dates & Family Activities:

Sunday, April 6th - Bible & Faith Chest Sunday, 3rd & 8th Graders

Sunday, May 4th - [Register for Church School for the fall!](#)

Sunday, May 18th - Children's Sunday with Sacred Dance

Sunday, June 8th - Children's Choir performance

JPF April Meetings

JPF, Middle School Youth Group, will meet from 4-6 p.m. at church on:

April 6 and April 27

All middle school youth are invited to attend. If anyone would like more information, please contact Patty Albrecht, 860-670-8058.

Fellowship Cafe NEEDS Volunteers! Sign up [here](#)

Fellowship Café Open Dates: 4/27, 5/11, 5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, 6/22 **Contact Heather Fago with questions**
heathergutie@yahoo.com



Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 23 - Friday June 27th, 9a.m.-12:30p.m.

VBS "Discovery on Adventure Island"

VBS Registration: [VBS Registration](#) **Want to volunteer for VBS? Please check out [our link](#).** Please feel free to share the QR codes below for registration.



Use this code for VBS payment

We already have 66 children registered and will cap it at 84 children. Registration will close in mid-April.

[VBS Wish List](#)

[Volunteer Sign-up: \(ages 12+\)](#)

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

Easter Flowers

He has been raised.

— Mark 16:6



Help to celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection by purchasing spring flowers that will be used to decorate the church on Easter morning, April 20, 2025.

Members of the Flower Committee will be available on March 30th and April 6th to take orders. Flower orders may also be dropped off at the church office by Tuesday, April 8. Dedications will be printed in a special section of the Easter bulletin.

After the service, please take your flowers home to enjoy, bring to a friend or shut-in, or plant in your garden for next year's blooms.

Thank you for contributing to the beauty of Easter morning at Wapping Community Church.

(Please Print)

In Memory Of: _____

In Honor Of: _____

Other: _____

Given By: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Quantity: _____ **Lilies @ \$11.00 per plant**

_____ **Tulips @ \$9.00 per plant**

Total Enclosed \$ _____ *(Please make checks out to WCC)*

Please mail order form to Wapping Community Church, 1790 Ellington Rd., South Windsor, CT

Endowment Ministry News

Through the generosity of those who haven to the Endowment Fund over the years, we are pleased to announce the disbursement of funds for 2025.

All Souls Fund	\$11,324	Goes to Operating Budget
Property Trustees Fund	\$ 856	Goes to Property Trustees
Kennedy Music Fund	\$ 6,076	Goes to Music
Mission Fund	\$ 149	Goes to Outreach
Sharp Education Fund	\$ 1,736	Goes to Faith Formation
Sharp Youth Aid Fund	\$ 511	Goes to Faith Formation

Disbursements are derived by multiplying the previous year's balance of each fund and multiplying it by 4.5%. For questions about giving to the Endowment Ministry Fund, the members of the committee will be happy to help you: Larry Brown, Gay Foster, Rich Gacek and Marge Kelliher. Brochures are available on the wall outside the Gathering Room.

WCC GIFT CARD PROGRAM

The Fund Raising Ministry has participated in the Gift Card Program since March, 2013. Gift Card fundraising allows families to raise money for the church by using pre-paid gift cards for routine purchases. Families order pre-paid cards at face value to do the weekly or special event shopping with the gift cards rather than check or credit card. The retailers provide a percentage rebate to the church. For instance:

The 99 Restaurant	=	13%	Dick's Sporting	=	8%
Home Depot and Lowe's	=	4%	LLBean	=	16%
Old Navy	=	14%	Stop & Shop	=	4%
Subway	=	4.5%	Ulta	=	7%
Amazon	=	3%	Geissler's	=	5%

You, therefore, fund raise while completing your typical shopping routines without additional cost. Order the desired cards at coffee hour, pay for the cards at the time with cash or check, and pick them up the following week.

Please consider this opportunity to do your part in supporting the church and the church mission. Respectfully, Pat Anderson and Debbie Spieker

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A Friendly Reminder from the WCC Property Trustees and Deacons

- *No food or beverages are allowed in the sanctuary at any time.*
- *Communion juice cups - The Board of Deacons has placed wastebaskets at the two sanctuary entrances for disposal of communion juice cups. Please take your cup with you when you leave your pew and dispose of it in the wastebaskets. This will help keep everyone healthy!*

Thank you for your cooperation!