THIS SUNDAY | 9:30 AM

THIS SUNDAY our church has very special guests: Bishop John K. Yambasu and his wife Millicent, of the Sierra Leone Annual Conference! Bishop Yambasu is the founder of two UMC missions our church supports in Sierra Leone, West Africa, the Child Rescue Centre and Mercy Hospital. The Bishop will be preaching, and he and Pastor Heather will be serving communion together. After worship (and before the Day of Hospitality lunch), there will be a robust coffee hour in Fred Curtis Hall in honor of the Yambasus’ visit.

LENT BEGINS! Ash Wednesday, March 6th. Potluck Soup & Bread Supper at 6 PM Worship at 7 PM. As we enter the season of Lent, ponder this: This season has often been a time when we think about "giving something up"—a holdover from its penitential flavor in the medieval church. But what if we thought less about "giving up" and more about "making room"? In this Lent series, we will find out what it really costs to be so busy. Let us reconnect to an unhurried God.

What's Happening in the United Methodist Church

General Conference has concluded with the affirmation of the Traditional Plan. United Methodists of Rhode Island and South Eastern Massachusetts (RISEM) district will gather for Courageous Conversation March 7 – 8 PM Wesley UMC, Lincoln, RI. Pastor Heather is attending and invites you to carpool. She’ll leave the church parking lot at 4:30 PM.

Pastor Heather’s Blog Here
Turn Towards the Light

Lifelong Learning

CANCELLATION - GIVING JESUS GENEROSITY
March 2 Event has been CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER. Stay tuned to hear a new date for the Spring.

LEADERSHIP ENCOURAGEMENT EVENT March 5th at 6 PM. Celebrate Shrove Tuesday with good food, thoughtful conversation, and videos to inspire! Dinner is provided! All are welcome!

RISEM DISTRICT RESOURCE DAY Training for SPRC, Finance, and Board of Trustees March 30 (Taunton).

6th ANNUAL ECUMENICAL LEGISLATIVE BREAKFAST Friday, March 15 – 10 AM – noon, at Unitarian Church 3330 Main St., Barnstable. Co-sponsored by Church Women United, Cape Cod Council of Churches and Grandmothers Against Gun Violence. Ask your Legislators a question and have breakfast with them! RSVP mlariv@comcast.com or 508-776-6059.
MESSAGE FROM RAINBOW’S END THRIFT SHOP Did you know you we accept consignments? If you have something you just can’t quite donate, consider selling it on consignment. It’s win-win for you and the church. Stop by the shop for more details. Pamela Turner, Manager 1056 Main St., Osterville - 508-428-5304 | 10 AM–3 PM Wednesday through Saturday.

NEWS FROM CARE FOR CREATION TEAM The first meeting will be held on March 10th in the parlor after worship. Please join us as we discuss local ecological concerns, the climate crisis and how we can be better caretakers of our planet. All are welcome! Please contact Michelle Sgarlat with any questions msgarlat@comcast.net.

CHRISTMAS FAIR November 23rd. The fair crafters and workers have begun. We are looking for new ideas and crafters. If you are not a crafter and would like to learn, this is the place. All are welcome. Crafters meet Mon. & Tues. from 9 -12 PM at the Annex. Thoughts or ideas - speak with Wendy Lithwin or Sharon Kaczmarczyk.

A SIMPLE WAY TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH Amazon Smile. The AmazonSmile Foundation contributes .5 percent on eligible purchases to the charity of your choice with no cost to you or our church. Visit https://smile.amazon.com/ch/04-2799892. Our church is listed as Osterville United Methodist Church.

NEW CHURCH ARTIST EXHIBIT on the Solarium Wall. Sponsored by Welcome and Community, the theme is “Creativity Communicates with One Another and with God.” Celebrate creativity!

United Methodist Women

DINNER & DIALOGUE Tuesday, March 12th. We will meet at Donna Bodley’s home, 12 Sunbeam Lane, Hyannis, 6:30PM – 8:30 PM. To carpool, meet at church:6:00 pm. More details later. Sue Wiper is D & D Coordinator.

UMW BOARD Sunday, March 17th – UMW Board meets in Conference Room after church.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF CAPE COD Friday, March 15th - 6th Annual Ecumenical Legislative Brunch, 10 am – noon, at Unitarian Church, 3330 Main St. Barnstable (6A) This year co-sponsors are Cape Cod Council of Churches and Grandmothers Against Gun Violence. Interested in attending? RSVP mlariv@comcast.net

Make A Difference

MARCH FOCUS: Fill the Pantry! March Focus: Spring Cleaning Supplies: Many thanks, Church, for the donations of personnel care, hygiene items and food you donated in February! Please see the list in the Solarium for suggested Spring Cleaning Supplies. Watch for Buy One Get One (BOGO) free in stores. If you would like to experience the tremendous joy of helping to distribute food and cleaning supplies locally, please contact Fran Fermino, our Food Ministry Leader.

Solar Project Update

Pledges are coming in! A mailing will be sent so that we can reach our goal of 100% participation in this exciting project. 70 solar panels on the church roof will produce enough energy to wipe out our entire electric bill and provide the church with income from the sale of extra energy back to the grid. For more information go to our website or see the display in the solarium. Note the yellow dots accumulating on the picture of the panels on the church roof. They indicate what we have raised to date, over $27,000 in pledges as we work towards the $67,200 that we need. Help us love our earth and save money. Pledge cards are available in the Solarium.

ostervillechurch.umcchurches.org/solar-project/

Communications News

WEBSITE UPGRADE Plans are underway to upgrade our website! If you have ideas or suggestions, please email sonja@umcchurches.org
THIS WEEK AT CHURCH!

Sunday 3/03
9:30 AM Worship & Sunday School Bishop Yambasu Preaching
10:30 Children’s Choir Rehearsal
11 AM Day of Hospitality

Monday 3/04
9 AM Crafter’s Group
9 AM Lend-a-Hand
1 PM Brentwood Brass
5:30 All Addictions Big Book Study
6 PM Narcotics Anonymous Open Meeting
7 PM AA Big Book Meeting
7 PM Women’s Bible Study

Tuesday 3/05
9 AM Crafter’s Group
9 AM Floor Yoga
10 AM Writer’s Group
11:30 AM Miracle Kitchen
12 PM Prayer Group
12 PM Bridge Group
6 PM Leadership Encouragement Event
Wednesday 3/06 9:30 AM Play Group
10:30 AM Chair Yoga
6 PM Soup and Bread Supper
7 PM Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday 3/07
9 AM Floor Yoga
12 PM Staff Meeting
6-8 PM Courageous Conversations After General Conference
Wesley UMC, Lincoln RI
6 PM Chimes Choir Rehearsal
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday 3/08
OFFICE CLOSED
10 AM Al-Anon
4 PM Suzuki Lessons

Saturday 3/09
9 AM Floor Yoga

Sunday 3/10
9:30 AM Worship and Sunday School
10:30 AM Children’s Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Creation Care Team (Parlor)
10:30 AM Usher & Greeter Training (Sanctuary)

Green Tip of the Week

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Carbon Footprint Ranking

How many miles would you need to drive to produce the equivalent greenhouse gases and gas emissions produced by one kilo of each food that you eat? These emissions are produced on the farm, in the factory, on the road, in the shop and in your home. Moving towards a more vegetarian diet can have a large impact on your personal carbon footprint.

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