

Welcome to our Church

We are happy to have you visiting our church today. Please use the QR code to fill out our visitor form and receive our monthly newsletter and other exciting communications on happenings in our church community.



Monday Movers

The weather is getting warmer! It's a great time to join the MONDAY MOVERS! We meet Mondays at 8:30 in the parking lot and take a walk on the trail. It's a great way to start the week. Grab your sneakers and join us!



Party and Event Space

Graduation parties, baby/wedding showers, birthday parties, OH MY! All are possibilities in our lovely Fellowship Hall. Need a space to rent or know someone who does? Reach out to the church office to check availability and rates.

Online Giving.

Ready to make an impact? Scan the QR to easily give your offering to the church! Your generosity helps us grow in faith, serve our community, and bring God's love to life. Every gift makes a difference!



PCC NEWS

Sunday, September 13th Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Celebration Sunday

Celebration Sunday!

Join us today **Sunday, September 13th** following worship service in Fellowship Hall, as we celebrate the end of a wonderful summer and kick off an exciting new year school year and fall season together! Enjoy a delicious lunch, reconnect with friends, enjoy the music from the Double Down, a local acoustic cover band, and gather as a community for a fun afternoon of fellowship.

This will be a potluck event! Sandwich platters will be provided and we are asking people to bring sides or desserts. Celebration Sunday is a joint effort amongst the Deacons, CE and the Music Committee. We hope you can join us!

Touch a Truck / Fill a Truck

Save the date of Sept 26th for Touch a Truck / Fill a Truck (rain date Oct 3rd)! The event will be held from 10am to 1pm and we will need some volunteers to make the day another success!

Due to your generosity we have enough matchbox cars this year for the giveaway and won't need to collect more!

CA will continue with the Fill the Truck part on Sunday Sept 27th from 11am—1pm. We need volunteers to help on Sept 26th. Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

We continue to actively recruit trucks and/or other cool vehicles to participate, please let Jill know if you have an idea or connection or have any questions! Thank you!

Memorial Garden Bake Sale

The Memorial Garden Committee will be having a bake sale on September 20th after worship service. There'll be lots of goodies to purchase. Proceeds support the committees purchases of supplies, equipment and upgrades like the newly painted fence. Thank you!

A Service of Comfort & Prayer

Sometimes life gets loud. Sometimes the weight of it all feels like too much to carry alone. Sometimes you just need a quiet place to breathe.

This is that place.

Join us for an informal evening of quiet reflection, gentle prayer, and the simple comfort of being together.

Friday, September 18th @ 6:30pm. Come as you are, all are welcome.

SCS Operation Stay Warm

The Operation Stay Warm Coat Drive is also in need of warm, waterproof insulated winter gloves for men, women and children. Throughout the month of September we will have a box in Fellowship Hall for these items. Thank you!

Christian Ed Committee Wants You!

The Christian Education Committee is seeking new members. If you may be interested in joining or learning more about what the Christian Ed Committee does, please reach out to chairpersons Rose Risser or Barb Mackay. Thank you!

Fruit Shelf

Our church's donations supply the fruit shelf for Southington Community Services. Please remember your items to support this ongoing mission. Items like *applesauce and fruit cups* are appreciated.



Christmas Fair: Talents & Donations Needed!

Calling all Bakers! We are seeking volunteers to bake cookies for the church fair "Cookie Walk" which is noted for its past success! UCC (Unique Christmas Cookies) are encouraged, but all kinds will be greatly appreciated. If baking and freezing ahead, it is recommended you store them in freezer bags or air tight containers. Sign up sheets in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



Jewelry Donations: Charlotte Camilleri is accepting donations of jewelry. Please consider donating pieces such as earrings, bracelets, pins, necklaces, and rings you no longer wear.

Silent Auction News: This year, the silent auction is changing the way we accept donations. We're hoping to receive more gifts involving experiences (like teaching someone a skill) and gift certificates rather than physical items.

As for physical items: in recent years, certain donations — dolls, Snow Babies, framed artwork, and crystal — haven't brought in the money they once did, therefore, we'll be selectively choosing items most likely to bring in strong bids. If you'd like to donate something, please send photos to: Sue Smayda: ssmayda@gmail.com or Laurie Smedburg: k2_skimom@yahoo.com

Pie Making Day: Save the date for Wednesday, October 14th from 9:30am to 11:30am for Pie Making Day! Please come help assemble pies if you can! We are also asking for donations of pie crusts—please place crusts in the back refrigerator at the end of the hallway past the office. Thank you!

T-Shirt Reorder: We will be doing another ordering of Plantsville Congregation Church T-shirts to wear at events like the Fair, Touch a Truck/Fill the Truck—Please reach out to the church office if you would like to order a Tshirt! **Order deadline is September 20th.**

Christmas Room: We are in need of items for the Christmas Room, which displays Christmas items for sale. Items such as ornaments, wreaths, villages, figurines, etc.

We will begin taking donations September 14 behind the curtain on the stage. We cannot receive donations sooner because the band will be on the stage Sept 13th, thank you!

PLANTSVILLE CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
An Open and Affirming Church
September 13, 2026 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10 A.M.

Welcome

Prelude

Great Are You Lord

Jesse Ingram, Leslie Jordan
Arr. By Larry Shackley

†Call to Worship

One: Peter thought he was being generous: forgive someone seven times? Surely that is enough.
Many: And Jesus said: not seven, but seventy-seven times.
One: Not a number to be counted, but a posture to be lived — the posture of those who know they have been forgiven.
Many: We come, God, as people who have received more grace than we have given. Teach us again.
One: Come, let us worship the God of seventy-seven chances.
Many: Thanks be to God! Let us worship with grateful and open hearts.

†Hymn

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

NCH #23

†Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we gather this Celebration Sunday at the start of a new church season together. As we begin again, open our hearts to what You're doing here — not just the church we remember, but the one we're becoming. Bless this congregation, and the time ahead, with its plans and its surprises. Gather us now, and make us ready. AMEN.

Children’s Sermon

Scripture Readings

Matthew 18:21-35
Genesis 50:15–21

Anthem

No, Not One

George C. Hugg
Arr. By Larry Shackley

Sermon

“Ten Thousand Talents and a Short Memory”
Rev. Jane Willan

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.

Hymn

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

NCH #393

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

†Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, you heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

†Prayer of Dedication

Forgiving God, we give these gifts as people who have been released from more debt than we know. May they be used with the same generosity we have received — freely, without keeping score. In a world that tallies everything, let this congregation be a place that gives as it has been given to. AMEN.

†Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

NCH #43

†Benediction

Postlude

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Rick Founds
Arr. By Larry Shackley

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Please stand in body and/or spirit if you are able.

Sun. Sept. 13	Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
	Celebration Sunday!	11:00 AM
Mon. Sept. 14	Monday Movers	8:30 AM
Wed. Sept. 16	Knitting	1:00 PM
	KnitWits	6:30 PM
	Council	7:00 PM
Thurs. Sept. 17	Al-Anon	10:00 AM
	Vocal Choir	7:00 PM
Fri. Sept 18	Comfort & Prayer Service	6:30 PM
Sun. Sept. 20	Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
Memorial Garden Committee Bake Sale		11:00 AM

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*We Offer a **WARM WELCOME** to everyone gathered for worship here or live on Facebook or YouTube. We are blessed by your presence/viewing.*

Sunday School for children is offered on Sundays, during worship after the Children’s Sermon for children grades K-5. Middle and High School class meets after the Scripture Reading during worship. A Nursery is offered every Sunday for children and toddlers during worship service. Following the service, all are invited to gather in Fellowship Hall for refreshments.

Our Greeters are happy to direct you or assist you in any way.

Online gifts are an easy way to support the work of the church.

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