

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!



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.

Summer Office Hours

Now through Labor Day the office will be open Monday-Thursdays from 9am-12pm and closed on Fridays. Thank you!

Monday Movers

The weather is getting warmer! It's a great time to join the MONDAY MOVERS! We meet on 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!



PCC NEWS

Sunday, August 16th Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Celebration Sunday!

Join us **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!

Summer Fun at Sunday School!

We're excited to continue the fun all summer long in Sunday School! All children are welcome—including those visiting during the summer! Here's a look at what's planned:

August 16 – Egg Drop Challenge

August 23 – Relay Race Rally *

August 30 – Fan Favorites Day *



* Water play day! Children should wear clothes that can get wet and bring a towel.

Activities are subject to change based on weather and other factors.

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!

Bread for Life Summer Lunch Update!

Thank you to all who donated to the Summer Lunch Program collection for Bread for Life. The Friends Room assembled approx. 500 bags this summer. This mission not only helped feed children in our community this summer, it also provided a meaningful job task for The Friends Room to complete. The last batch of assembled bags and any remaining supplies was dropped off to Bread for Life this past week. Thank you for your generosity. Please continue to support the Fruit Shelf Collection for SCS an ongoing PCC mission. Thank you!

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 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!

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.



Knitter or KNOT? Stop on By!

Our day time knitting group meets regularly on Wednesdays from 1pm—3pm. For the summer months group would like to extend the offer for conversation, fellowship and activities beyond knitting. Stop on by to the church library and join the group if you are able! All are welcome. Please reach out to Lois Mattson with any questions 860 302 1202.

Your Cans and Bottles Make a Difference!

Did you know?

The Deacons recycling efforts help support many of the programming efforts of the church. The Deacons often subsidize the cost of buses for outings to keep ticket cost low, fund food for functions like the Back to Church Picnic, Lenten Dinners, and game nights, and help fund necessary updates like the new banner on the front of the church. Collecting those cans and bottles count!



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.



PLANTSVILLE CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Church

August 16, 2026 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost 10 A.M.

Welcome

Prelude Fantasia and Fugue in f minor G. F. Handel

†Call to Worship

One: A woman came to Jesus from outside the circle of the chosen, and her persistence changed the conversation.

Many: **May we be open to the voices that challenge us, the faith that surprises us, the grace that crosses every border.**

One: Come, let us worship the God whose mercy has no edge.

Many: **Thanks be to God! We come with open hands and open hearts.**

†Hymn This Is a Day of New Beginnings NCH #417

†Opening Prayer

Merciful God, open our hearts this morning to hear what this text is asking: Where do we draw borders that You would cross? Who do we overlook that You would stop for? Who has something to teach us? Make us ready to be surprised by faith in unexpected places. We gather to worship — and to be changed. AMEN.

Children’s Sermon

Scripture Reading Matthew 15:10-28

Anthem You Did It Unto Me Mark Weston

Sermon “The Woman Who Won the Argument” 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 O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come NCH #175

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Introduction and Variation on the Old 100th
John Zundel

†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
God of open tables and crossed borders, receive these gifts given in the spirit of the Canaanite woman. May they extend Your mercy to those who stand at the edges of what we have built, looking in. Use them to widen the circle. AMEN.

†Hymn Now Thank We All Our God NCH #419

†Benediction

Postlude Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit John Carter

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

♪ Guest Musician: John Parsons

Sun. August 16	Sunday Worship	10:00 AM
Mon. August 17	Monday Movers	8:30 AM
	Fair Meeting	5:00 PM
Wed. August 19	Knitting	1:00 PM
Thurs. August 20	Al-Anon	10:00AM
Sun. August 23	Sunday Worship	10:00 AM

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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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