



# The Carillon

## “ TRUST IN GOD’S PROMISE ”

By: Pastor Joseph Piccirillo

Back to school. The newsprint is full of ads announcing that fact. In just a short time our young people will be in school again. The irony is that when I was in school I couldn't wait to get out to join the “real world” and get on with my life. Now that I am in the “real world”, I think back about the care free days of being a student and having the summer free.

Life is a matter of perspective. St. Paul urges us in the twelfth chapter of Romans, verse two, “Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds.” From the world's perspective, we are always in need of “something” to help us look younger, feel better, get richer, or become happier. But from God's perspective, our relationship with Him is of paramount importance. As St. Paul learned and experienced for himself, it was his relationship with God that provided him with the means to find peace and fulfillment. Even in the midst of his trying circumstances, it was St. Paul's relationship with God that comforted him. St. Paul writes that when he pleaded with God to take away his ‘thorn in the flesh’, God responded, “My Grace is sufficient for you.”

Like St. Paul, most of us are finding ourselves in trying times; meager earnings, rising prices, unemployment, and recalling the painful memories on the 10 anniversary of 9-11. In the midst of it all we ask ourselves, is God's grace sufficient for us, or is there something more? Sometimes we find ourselves saying, if I only had more time, or, if I only had more money, or a better job or.... and the list goes on. What St. Paul is referring to regarding the renewing of our mind is a matter of perspective. We can think we have too little or thank God for the blessings we possess. St. Paul's life was transformed by the renewing of his mind. He learned to trust that God's grace was sufficient for him to keep going for the sake of God's kingdom.

As our children prepare to return back to school and we gear up for the work of the kingdom, may we seek to be transformed by the renewal of our minds. Let us trust God's promise. The bible reminds us in Matthew 28:20, that God is always with us, “...even to the end of the age”. And God's grace is always sufficient for us to tackle anything that comes our way.

*Pastor Joseph Piccirillo*

### DID YOU KNOW...



...that our 10 AM service is **recorded** every week? They are **on-line on our website** or a **copy of a specific date** may be requested by calling 203-375-5817.



### YOUNG CHILDREN ATTENDING SERVICE WITH YOU?...

If they become active or restless, please consider taking advantage of the 2nd floor Music Room. You will be able to see and hear, and they will have more room to play, snack and move about. Thanks!!

Difficulty hearing the Sunday Sermon? We now have amplification devices available in the back of the Sanctuary. Just ask an usher!



### PUMPKIN PATCH

Planning for the Pumpkin Patch has begun. The pumpkins are tentatively scheduled to be here on **Saturday, September 24**. In the meantime we need help organizing the sales volunteers, sales training, unloading and setup, decorations, Children's Story time and publicity.

Please contact Steve Bozek at 203-927-7522 or see me in Fellowship Hall after church for further information.

### TUNA FISH NEEDED

Canned Tuna Fish is needed for the Merton House meals that NUMC makes. Please drop off at church kitchen or contact Dee Blewett for more information @howdee50@sbcglobal.net or 203-929-5595



### FLOWER COORDINATOR NEEDED

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we are in need of someone to coordinate our flower deliveries. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Melson at 203-929-3390 or nannmel@gmail.com.

We also are in need of people to make flower deliveries. Please prayerfully consider participating in this wonderful ministry by contacting Nancy Melson.



### THANK YOU FROM PASTOR IWY

Dear NUMC family,

Thank you so much for your generous gifts! I am truly touched by the outpouring of your love, support and prayers. It has been a privilege getting to know you all and serving by your side in ministry. It is hard leaving loved ones, and Evan put it best as he said just yesterday, "I miss my old house and my friends." I understood perfectly what he meant as I feel the same. Once again, thank you for everything.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Iwy, Enock and Evan

The beauty of fall will soon be upon us. The color of fall in New England is breathtaking. Enjoy God's wonders in nature! Take a long walk and soak up the beauty. It is good for your body, mind and spirit! It can be added to your gratitude journal-see below.

We will continue the following schedule:

**BP Screening: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after the 8A and 10A services**

**Grief Support Group: 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday each month from 7P-8: 15P in the Lounge.**

**SEPTEMBER HEALTH TIP**

*The Power of Positive Psychology:*

*How Focusing on What's Right Can Help Fix What's Wrong*

From John's Hopkins Online Newsletter June 2011



**Most forms of psychotherapy are based on discussing and analyzing negative thoughts and feelings. But some experts say this approach overlooks a larger issue: how to use psychology to emphasize the positive and increase happiness, not just fix problems.**

While alleviating the symptoms of mental disorders is certainly essential, proponents of positive psychology argue that the search for mental health shouldn't end there. As Martin Seligman, Ph.D., one of the leading researchers in positive psychology explains, current treatment aims to bring people from -5 to 0 (on a scale of -5 to +5); ideally, psychology should help us get from 0 to +5. In other words, the absence of mental illness is not the same thing as good mental health.

**How Positive Psychology Works.** Positive psychology involves more than just thinking happy thoughts. Positive psychology focuses on the strengths and virtues that help people thrive, such as courage, gratitude, compassion, resilience and creativity. While most therapists attempt to "fix what's wrong," positive psychologists also want to "build what's strong."

Therapists who practice positive psychology help individuals see their strengths and virtues and find ways to foster them. They also help people identify positive experiences and the circumstances that brought them about, as well as encourage behaviors that give life a sense of meaning and purpose. Here are some positive psychology techniques you can try:

**Identify and use signature strengths.** Write down your top five strengths and try to use them more and in new ways each day.

**Keep a gratitude journal.** Often recommended by Oprah Winfrey, this positive psychology technique involves writing down each evening three good things that happened to you and noting why you think they happened. Many people focus on negative emotions or events and ignore the positive ones. Keeping a gratitude journal is a way to shift your focus to the more positive aspects of your life and to reflect on them.

**Express appreciation to other individuals.** Extend your gratitude to the important people in your life.

**Perform acts of kindness.** Turning your focus to improving the lives of people around you can increase your own happiness. Try to help others in ways both random (like holding the door open for someone or letting someone go in front of you in line) and planned (such as volunteering or donating blood).

"Don't let your hearts be anxious or fearful." -John 14:27

*God Bless You All!*

*Your Parish Nurses*

ALL students attending classes need to fill out a new form every September. Please drop off completed forms at the Christian Ed Office, Pastor Wendy's office, or forward them to Jennifer Harris at [harrisjennifer7013@yahoo.com](mailto:harrisjennifer7013@yahoo.com) or Pastor Wendy at [numcwendyv@snet.net](mailto:numcwendyv@snet.net), on or before September 11.

## NUMC- Church School Registration Form (2011/2012)

\*\*\*A registration form is needed prior to children/youth entering classes.

**Every family is NEEDED to serve in our program in some way.**

**Please check off any areas of interest:**

Teaching a class (Training and curriculum provided.)    Assisting teachers in the class  
Helping in the Nursery    Working in CE office Sunday mornings    Organizing class supply cabinets  
Helping at our Summer Camps    Telephoning, collating, etc. during the week    Helping with our Christmas or Easter pageants    Decorating bulletin boards    Assist in youth studies  
VBS ministry    Working with youth    Children's Music    Other ideas?? \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* All children registered MUST have a parent or relative volunteer assist in the classroom at least once in the fall and once in the winter/spring. Please sign up with your child's teacher.

\*\*\*\*\*

Today's Date (include year): \_\_\_\_\_

Parents or Caregivers, please give us YOUR information:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Your birth date: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of NUMC?    Yes    No    Please have someone contact me to learn more about the church

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Name of Child: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in school: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please indicate child's age if in Nursery or younger than Kindergarten)

Allergies, medical or learning/behavioral concerns we should know about this child (will remain confidential):  
*Please be sure to fill out one form for each child. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. We are grateful to have your child learning about the love of God through Jesus Christ with us!*

*(Note: Pictures and video may be taken during our Sunday morning children's programs and may be used to promote NUMC ministries. Your child's identity will not be shared.)*

*In His grace, Jennifer Harris and Pastor Wendy*

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We hope you are having a wonderful summer and we are getting excited about gathering together again for the Fall Church School Program!

**Church School Teacher Training** Our annual Teacher Training Class this year will be on Sunday, August 28 in the Chapel at 10:15 am, following the 9:00 am service. We are looking forward to this time of reviewing the curriculum, planning the Fall calendar, and getting to know one another. If you have never taught or been involved in the Church School Ministry, this would be a wonderful time for you to join us!

**Homecoming Sunday** Please join us for Homecoming Sunday on September 11. There will be Morning Worship with Holy Communion at 7:45 am in the Chapel. At 10:15 am families and their children are welcome to attend the Celebration Service in the Sanctuary. (Nursery care will be provided for infants through 2 year olds.)

Following the service, please join us for the **Church School Open House**.

Children and parents can visit the classrooms and meet the teachers.

While children continue to spend a little time with their teachers, parents can join one another in Fellowship Hall for refreshments, sign up for Fall Adult Education Classes, and hear some quick announcements about upcoming Fall Church School Activities!

**Church School Program** Our Church School Program begins Sunday, September 18. Worship begins at 10:15 am and children are welcome to go to church school following the children's message. Once again, we look forward to our children growing in their faith through the "Live B.I.G." Methodist Curriculum!

**Church School Registration Forms** Please remember that all children should have a new registration form filled out by September 11 to attend our 2011-2012 Church School Program.

*So many people already provide willing hands and hearts for the Children's Ministry at Nichols UMC. We are really looking forward to being a part of this group and to see what our loving God has planned for all of us!*

In faith,  
Jennifer and Pastor Wendy



## EARLY CHRISTMAS IN...NEW YORK!!!

**Join us for a bus trip, Saturday, November 12, 2011.**

**We will meet in the NUMC parking lot at 10 am with a bag lunch.**

**The bus will take us to Radio City Music Hall for the annual Christmas Show.**

**After the show there will be about 2 hours to explore Manhattan, shop or eat.**

**The bus will leave NYC at 6 pm and return to the church parking lot.**

**Invite family and friends, 52 seats are available on a first come, first served basis.**

**Cost is \$86 (includes bus, driver gratuity and Christmas Show).**

**For Tickets: contact the church office @304-378-5818**

**or**

**For More Information: contact Sue DeVecchio  
on Sundays after service**



Greetings,

My name is Pastor Wendy Vencuss and I am really looking forward to spending time with the congregation at Nichols UMC and sharing in ministry with Pastor Joseph and all of you! My husband, Tom, and I have known Pastor Joseph for many years and we have been involved in the UMARMY Youth Mission and several other ministry experiences together.

For the past 11 years I have served as a Pastor at the Wethersfield UMC and have also overseen the Christian Education Ministry and the WUMC Nursery School Program at the church. Since 2002, my husband and I have also been very involved in the New York Annual Conference "Mountain of Hope for Haiti" Task Force. He is currently working for the General Board of Global Ministries and is serving as the UMVIM Project Coordinator in Haiti until July 2012. To spend time with him, I will be helping to lead several VIM Teams to Haiti during the next year. Hopefully, some of you may join the teams!

At Nichols UMC I am hoping to assist Pastor Joseph with pastoral responsibilities as needed. I am also hoping to help "create" energy and vision for other Ministry/Mission Areas of the church, as this is where I have many years of experience! I have served several United Methodist Churches as Christian Education Director, Minister of Pastoral Care, Nursery School Director, Assistant Pastor, and Pastor. (Previous to being in Pastoral Ministry, I taught in the field of Special Education for many years.)

Tom and I have two wonderful sons, 2 lovely daughter-in-laws, and 2 precious grandchildren. I love my family dearly and I also love to be outside, to sail, and to exercise!

Please know that, most importantly, I have a deep love of God.

I truly look forward to the "new" journey we will share together!

In faith,  
*Pastor Wendy*



# SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

## September 2011

**Weekly Events**

**Sundays**  
 7:45am Morn Worship w/HC  
 9:00 Confirmation and Reality  
 10:15 Morning Worship with Nursery Care  
 10:40 Christian Education Classes  
 2-5PM Princeton Review  
 7:00 AA

**Mondays**  
 6:30-8:30 Cub Scouts  
 7:30pm various meetings

**Tuesdays**  
 1:15 P.A.C.E.  
 5:15 Bell Trio  
 5:30 AA  
 6:30 Bells  
 6:00-9 Princeton Review  
 8:00 Christian Yoga


**Wednesdays**  
 7:00am Reunion Group  
 6:30 Prayer Service  
 6:00-9 Princeton Review  
 7:30-9:00 Boy Scouts  
 8:00 AA

**Thursdays**  
 10:00 AA  
 1:15 P.A.C.E.  
 6:00-9 Princeton Review  
 6:15 Youth Choir  
 7:15 Chancel Choir

**Fridays**  
 8pm AA

**Saturdays**  
 7am Covenant Discipleship  
 9-1:15 Princeton Review  
 2-6:15 Princeton Review

**Reminder: Sept 25-30**  
 Fellowship Hall is unavailable for use by groups. This is Fair Set-up week. Come on Thursday, Sept. 29, 5-8pm for Fair Presale opportunities and Dinner. The Fair is open from 9-3 on October 1.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Starting Sept. 11 New Worship Times!</b>  <b>7:45 AM and 10:15 AM</b>				1	2	3  11am Worship Mtg.
4  9am Worship w/Holy Communi	5  Labor Day  Building closed	6  7:30pm SPRC Mtg.	7  9:30am UMW Ex.Bd. 7pm Con- firmation Covenant Service 7:30 Mentor Meeting	8  7-10pm Tres Dias Team Mtg.	9	10
11  Homecoming Sunday 8:45 + 11:30 Blood Pres. Scm.	12  2:30 Wesley Visitation 7:00 W.E.S.L.E.Y. Mtg	13	14  12pm UMW Luncheon 7:30 Trustees	15	16  7pm Confirma- tion Retreat	17  8am Confirma- tion Retreat ends
18  11:30 New Member Class #1 and Service Mtg. 7pm B.S. Com. Mtg.	19  7pm Grief Support 7:30 Finance Mtg.	20    Luv'n Oven	21  7:30pm ASP Adv. Comm. Mtg.	22	23  6pm Wedding Rehearsal  6-10 Ladies Night	24  8am Merton House Sandwich 4pm Ferris/ Larrabee Wedding
25  Bring Tag Sale Items into F/H	26  7:30pm Church Council	27	28	29  5-8pm Presale & Dinner	30  6pm Wedding Rehearsal	

# BECOMING A NEW MEMBER

## CONSIDER BECOMING A MEMBER OF OUR NICHOLS CHURCH FAMILY!

On Sunday, October 16, 2011, we will be receiving the next group of new members into our Nichols United Methodist Church family. If you would like to become a member of Nichols OR if you are considering membership and would like to learn more about our church and how NUMC can be part of your personal faith journey, please consider this invitation to our New Member Program.



**Class 1- Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> and Class 2 Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>.** After the 10:15 am worship service, please go directly to the lounge for coffee and snacks from 11:15 - 11:30 am. The program will run from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm. Childcare is available for both sessions with advance registration for all sessions (see form below). No pre-registration required, our doors are open.

**Class 1** will include a short video about *God's Grace in Three Movements* with history of Methodist Church and John Wesley. Our Pastors will share their backgrounds and be available to answer any questions of theology. We will cover the structure of United Methodist organization on District, National and International levels as well as our Nichols Church history.

**Class 2** begins with a video, *Faith in Action*, as we explore the importance of church membership as part of your Christian Life. We will talk about fellowship friends. The Pastors will be available to answer questions such as how are Christian denominations similar. We'll discuss questions, such as "How do I have a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ?" and "How do I continue my faith journey"?

In both meetings, you'll hear from current members about their experiences and we'll discuss opportunities for outreach ministry, fellowship events, Bible studies, music and youth programs. A Spiritual Gifts Inventory will be provided to assist in identifying your God given gifts.

Thank you for filling in the form so we can prepare for group size. Please place it in the Offering Plate, give it to an Usher, or mail it to: Nichols UMC, 35 Shelton Rd., Trumbull, CT 06611. You may also email us at nicholsmethodist@snet.net or visit [www.nicholsumc.org](http://www.nicholsumc.org)

*\*Any questions, please speak to our pastor, or contact James Corless II or Marie Strolin @ jcorless2@aol.com, Mstrolin@aol.com or phone 203-459-8472*

**Yes, I am interested in participating in the New Member Program at NUMC.**

NAME(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD CARE NEEDED? Sunday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup> Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ OR Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Age(s) of Child/Children \_\_\_\_\_

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01	Woerner, Dorothy	13	Rojas, Alexander	24	Reed, Sally S.
01	Madden, Annie	13	Janik, Thomas	24	Mastrone, Dominic
01	Dineley, Joseph	13	Bruening, Laura	24	Stiener, Betsy
02	Costello, Steven	14	Hansen, Carl T.	24	Shawinsky, Jeffrey W.
02	Woods, James	14	Clark, Emily	25	Moonan, Patti
03	Rogers, Richard A.	15	Horesco, John F.	25	Needleman, Anne
03	Greene, Nathan	15	McGrath, James W.	25	Lewis, Lisa
04	Lenart, Dorothy	15	Wonsiewicz, Carole	25	Bohling, Zachary
04	O'Leary, Kate	15	Peters, Avery K.	25	Moonan, Maggie
05	Braun, John	15	Garrow, Brian	26	Presson, Jerry M.
05	Swan, Peter	15	Ambrose, Quinn	26	England, Joanne
05	Kaelin, Rebecca L.	16	Ruby, Bryan C.	26	Rojas, Linda
05	Miko, Emily L.	16	Sippel, Max	26	Nestor, Scott
05	Cannone, Corey	16	Root, Gracyn	26	Entwistle, Jenine
05	Spoelstra, Logan	17	Kursawe, John	28	Bruening, Mike
05	Allen, Brendan	17	Bianco, John M.	28	Redin, Erik L.
06	Santoro, Pauline S.	17	Wonsiewicz, Chris	28	Carman, Christian
06	Bean, Rose Marie	18	Weir, David P.	29	Collison, Ryan
07	Doyle, Evelyn	18	Mack, John	29	Packnick, Robert J.
07	Coyne, April	18	Torrance, Sheryl	29	Caldarone, Nicholas
07	Levine, Julia	18	Litts, Courtney	29	Woods, Rasheeda
07	Levine, Michelle	19	Ferris, Al	30	Norell, Ruth M.
08	Bohling, Erik	19	Hornak, Violet	30	Day, Scott
09	Frederick, James R.	19	Tarbox, James S.	30	Collinge, Charles A.
09	Moore, Liam	20	McAllister, Judy	30	Young, Allison M.
10	Bianco, Carole F.	20	Schoyen, Chet	30	Nolan, Thomas
10	Molnar, Joshua	20	Parisella, John	30	Mellinger, Molly
11	Moore, Brendan C.	20	Pensiero, Toni		
11	Gaden, Alexa	20	Heaphy, Dan		
11	Miller, Elizabeth	20	Foote, Laura		
12	Crescione, Sam	21	Eades, Kenneth		
12	Braunagel, Heather	21	Pfohl, John		
13	Brady, Lisa	21	Rolleri, Matthew		
13	Coe, Lauren	22	Kyrytschenko, Alina		
13	Storck, Kyle	22	Coffin, Johnna		
		23	Garrow, Dina		



## NUMW FALL FAIR

NUMW CHURCH FAIR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 9 AM TO 3 PM

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 29, 5 PM TO 8 PM Soup and a sandwich, Attic Treasures Advance Sale

### NUMW CHAIRPERSONS FOR OCTOBER FAIR 2011

CO-CHAIRPERSONS; Sally Reed and Louise Mac Cormack

NUMW & FAIR TREASURER: Jean Haven

CASHIERS: Bobbie Chernak, June and Walter Hoyt, Willie Karcher, Susan DelVecchio and Debbie Stinchcomb

ATTIC TREASURES: Louise MacCormack, Marge and Jerry Presson, Dee Blewett, Emma Gaulin and Sara Platz

ANTIQUES, COLLECTABLES & JEWELRY: Sally Reed, Sara Platz and Teddy VanHagan

BAKE SALE; Barbara Amsden, Polly Owen and Hope Tarbox

COOKIE WALK: Elise Kaelin, Rhonda Palmiero, Diane Perrachio, Mae Crescione and Mary Wilson

KIDS' STUFF: Marge Presson and Jan Moore

KITCHEN: Helen Carlson, Carol Steinberg, Dee Blewett, Jan Moore, Dawn Cantafio, Lois Jones, Ann Hansen, Ruth Norell and Janet Shafer

PUBLICITY: Melissa Spoelstra, Flyer

NEWSPAPERS, ETC. Susan DelVecchio



## STEWARDSHIP E-BLAST

As we begin this new season and get back to our regular routines of work, school and meetings, we also prepare for our annual Stewardship Campaign. It is important to remember that ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE WITH GOD. Take some time to share with God. Pray for our church, its Pastors, leaders and congregation. Let the light of Jesus shine through your heart while considering how to share your Time, Talents and Treasure during the upcoming year.

As many of you know, Caryn Hammond and I (Sue DelVecchio) have taken over the Co-Chairmanship of our Stewardship Committee. It is our mission to embrace and expand many of the recent committee goals of fellowship, service and outreach. Obviously, tithing is important. While we as a church, need the funds brought through your tithes to continue our service to God – supporting our many missions, ministries and day to day operations – the amount of tithing is a decision that each of you must make with God's help. There are many other things that God encourages us to do.

Fellowship is awesome!! Embrace our NUMC family. Sunday, say hello to someone you don't know, attend a bible study, go to a prayer service, join a group or activity. Get to know your congregation!!

Service is amazing!! Pitch in – if you see something in the church that needs to be done, DO IT! If someone needs help, HELP! God has blessed each of us with incredible talents. Share them willingly. The return is incredible.

Giving is beautiful!! It's been said that whatever is given out will be returned Ten-Fold. Give a smile to everyone, give used clothing or shoes for the homeless, give food to the needy, give money to fulfill church goals and give time where ever needed. You can't lose!

Hope everyone had a great summer and welcome back!!



## OUR MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH



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*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down on the right hand of God's Throne. " Hebrews 12:2*



### The Republic of South Sudan became the world's newest nation on July 9th.

The verse above was the bible memory verse for the lesson I taught at Gullawiny preaching point on July 12 the first Sunday for the Republic of South Sudan. The main lesson was from Matthew when Jesus walked on water to meet his disciples in a boat on the Sea of Galilee. Peter wanted to walk on water but he failed because he became scared and did not keep his eyes on Jesus. It was good to encourage my Sudanese friends to fix their eyes on Jesus even when difficulties come. It's a good lesson for me to remember too. I was encouraged by the fact a fairly good number of adults came to church—I expected people to be distracted by the celebrations.

I felt privileged to be able to participate in the Independence Day celebrations in Bunj town. The Mabaan people express their joy by dancing and marching and there was plenty of that. It was exciting to see the old flag come down and the new flag go up.



Today, I went to visit Thomas, our nutrition assistant, and his wife because she delivered a baby girl last week - this is a praise as their last child died when she was just a few days old. Orpha, another nutrition assistant went with me. The baby was in the house under a mosquito net but mom was not there. We soon found out that Thomas' 12 year old sister died suddenly last night. They took her to the clinic in Bunj because of a fever but she died at the clinic. Thomas and his family have had their full share of sorrow. Please pray that they will know our God of comfort at this time.

#### Prayer Requests:

- ✝ Pray for peace to prevail during this transition period to independence.
- ✝ Pray with me that I can encourage my friends at Gullawiny preaching point to keep their eyes on Jesus.
- ✝ Pray also that I will take the time out every week to build a friendship with Mary and encourage her in literacy and her faith in God.
- ✝ Please pray for better rain, as the maize crops are failing due to a lack of rain.

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## NICHOLS UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

### JAZZ UP YOUR MEALS!!

Join us as we welcome back Chef Jack O'Donnell from Wesley Heights in Shelton, CT. He will be demonstrating the preparation of such appetizers as pinwheels, deviled eggs, and other garnishes, which will then be served as a light lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

**EVENT:** U.M.W. Luncheon  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 14, 2011  
**WHERE:** Fellowship Hall  
**TIME:** 11:30 AM Fellowship; 12:00 Noon Lunch  
**COST:** \$5.00. Please bring your plates, cutlery & cups  
**RESERVATIONS:** If you are not already on a calling list, please call Jan Moore @ 203-375-4636 or June Hoyt @ 203-375-5626.  
**CHAIRMAN:** Carol Steinberg



#### MISSION REQUESTS:

Non-perishable food items for Trumbull Food Services.  
Women's toiletry item for a local women's shelter.

#### NOTE;

You don't need to attend our luncheons to be an active member of the UMW. However, babysitting is always available, should you choose to attend.

~Executive Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 9:30AM in the Lounge.