



## Weekly Nichols' Notes

Nichols United Methodist Church

Trumbull, CT

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July 12, 2023

### "My Yoke is Easy"

[Matthew 11:30](#)

In this season of summer, we explore the general challenges of life and examine more fundamentally whether our life is meant to be easy or difficult. We will address ways we make our lives more tiresome than necessary and seek how we may rest in God.

### Sermon Title: Productivity Driven Life

[Matthew 13:1-9](#)

Give Now - Virtual Offering Plate

Weekly Calendar

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**[Announcements & Ministry Opportunities](#)**

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**This past Sunday we welcomed Pastor Albert to Nichols UMC! Members of the Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee led the Celebration of Appointment during this special church service. In case you missed it, please be sure to check out the recorded service [here](#).**

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### **Meet & Greet with Pastor Albert**

Pastor Albert is hoping to meet the church community in small meet and greet sessions during his first few months at NUMC. We are hoping to have a few families sign up to host a potluck dinner for 8-10 church members, and Pastor Hahn, over the summer. We are also providing opportunities to attend after church on select Sundays or as a coffee hour on select Tuesdays or Wednesdays this summer. Please [Click Here](#) to select a date and time that works best for you and your family. Once we have hosts lined up, the addresses will be updated on this sign up. If you have any questions or need help signing up online, please contact Christie McKenzie at [christiemckenzie52@gmail.com](mailto:christiemckenzie52@gmail.com). We are excited for this new chapter in our church.



### **Vacation Bible School - "Shine Jesus' Light" - Thursdays July 6 - August 3**

Vacation Bible School kicked off last week and is off to a stellar start! For parents who wish to access the music videos and songs that the children are learning at

VBS, you may do so by clicking [here](#). Still interested in volunteering? Please complete [this form](#) and return ASAP!

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### **NUMC Youth Group Update**

Chrissy has planned so many fun activities for our youth this summer. The schedule of activities is briefly outlined below

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** - Picnic, games, swimming - **meet at Indian Well State Park @ 4 – this is a family event – Bring Your Own Dinner**

**July 21<sup>st</sup>** - The Amazing Chemistry Show at Black Rock Church - **meet at NUMC at 6 pickup is at 9 – Cost: \$5.00.** *Let Chrissy know ASAP so she can get tickets.* To learn more, visit: [https://youtu.be/Cu1Q3K8\\_dE](https://youtu.be/Cu1Q3K8_dE)

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** - Bonfire and games - **meet at Meg Anderson's house - 20 Briarcroft Ave, Trumbull 6 – 9**

**August 24<sup>th</sup>** – Pool party and pizza - **meet at Bill Gerard's house - 141 North Stowe Place, Trumbull 6 – 9**

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### **Summer Bible Study: Abraham and Lot**

#### **Tuesday evenings, starting July 11th**

“There is a way that seems right to man, but in the end, it leads to death” (Proverbs 14:12). We will meet for six consecutive weeks through August 15. We will begin at 7:00 pm and finish about 8:15. The study will focus on the story of Abraham and Lot found in Genesis. It begins with God's call and promise to Abraham and what follows as he and Lot experience the blessings of obedience and the consequences of disobedience in a world of wickedness influenced by sin. The study is participatory and includes readings of the scripture followed by questions for discussion. As always, context, both biblical and contemporary, informs our understanding of relevance for us today. There is no homework or preparation required. Just come with a bible in whatever translation and format you prefer. All are welcome. Bring a friend. The study will be led by David Preusch [dpreusch@yahoo.com](mailto:dpreusch@yahoo.com).

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### **School Supplies Drive - Happening July 9 - August 6, 2023**

Each year Nichols UMC takes part in a backpack and school supply drive for children in the Covenant to Care program. This year's drive will run from **Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**. A box will be placed in the hallway to Fellowship Hall for your donations of school supplies and backpacks. Our goal is to donate 30 backpacks, each full of supplies. If you are unable to shop for them but would like to donate, checks should be made out to NUMC with Covenant to Care in the memo. Debbie Redin would be happy to do the shopping for you. For the full details and to learn more, [click here](#).

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**Peace & Prayer: Mid-Week Time of Devotion** - Wednesdays 11:30-11:45am - Every Wednesday Judy Lang will have a brief time of devotion and prayer via Zoom. During these unsettling times, this will be an opportunity to spend about

15 minutes centering ourselves in reflective thought and prayer. Click [Prayer & Peace](#) for the link for this mid-week centering time (it is the same link as our worship service OR Dial in: (646)-876-9923, Meeting ID: 366 149 7977, Password: 35#).

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**Please Pray for Our Sick & Homebound...**

Barbara Amsden

Marge Thoma

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## Moment for Mission

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***Janus Center for Youth in Crisis***

This is a program of the Council of Churches of Greater Bridgeport to assist young people ages 11-17. The program provides intervention services for youth and their families to deescalate the crisis, reunite families, keep the youth in school and out of the juvenile justice system. Social workers have regular office hours in eight public schools in Bridgeport and Stratford, and work with the faculty to identify students in need of intervention. They provide a 24-hour youth in crisis hotline, counseling, and referrals to necessary services. The Janus Center has host families to provide short-term respite care for youth who cannot return home immediately and aren't under state care. The staff consists of two social workers and is supplemented with interns from the social work programs of local universities. Please make checks payable to NUMC and indicate "Janus Center" on the memo line. children who have to be removed from their home are often required to attend a new school as part Thank you for your support of this great program.

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