October 20, 2024



Westminster

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Worship With Us On Sunday!

22nd Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture 1 Kings: 9:9-15a

Sermon
The Gift of Silence
The Rev. Julie Emery

Bulletin

10:00 a.m. Sunday Hybrid Worship Link

Zoom Meeting ID: 822 3301 6989

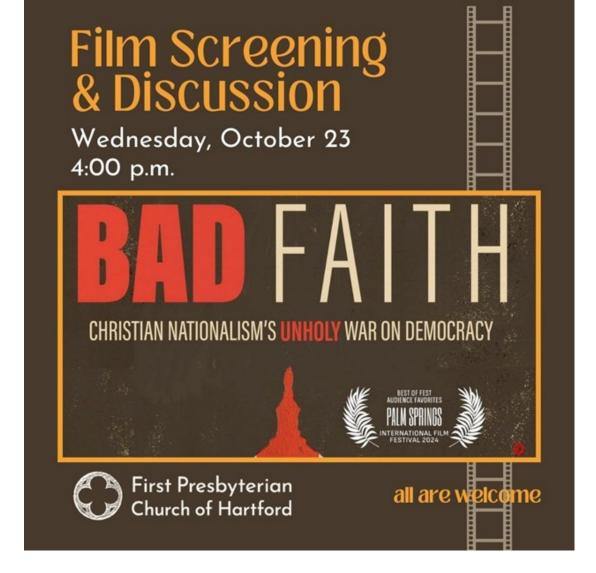
Any questions, contact Becky Kimberly in the office at office@westpresby.org.



Join us THIS SATURDAY!



If you have any questions, please reach out to either Vanessa Pare 401-300-6049, or you can email rakinginthefun@gmail.com. All the funds raised from the festival will benefit our Tilton Choral Scholars program. We are grateful for your support and hope to see you there!



On Wednesday October 23, First Presbyterian Church of Hartford (FPC) will be one of four sites throughout the Presbytery of Southern New England (PSNE) that will host an all-Presbytery viewing of the documentary *Bad Faith* followed by a discussion of White Christian Nationalism. Rev. Julie Emery will be joining Rev. Nancy Baseel, pastor of FPC, in facilitating this event. All are encouraged to attend and participate. Dinner will be provided.

The schedule is:

4:00 PM – Gathering

4:15 PM – Screening of <u>Bad Faith Documentary</u>

6:00 PM - Conversations and Dinner

If you are unable to join the screening time, you may wish to watch the film on your own time (it's free to view on several digital platforms) and then join for discussion from 5:45 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

If you plan to attend, please let Becky Kimberly know by emailing office@westpresby.org.

You can read more about the Presbytery of Southern New England's Anti-Racism work here.



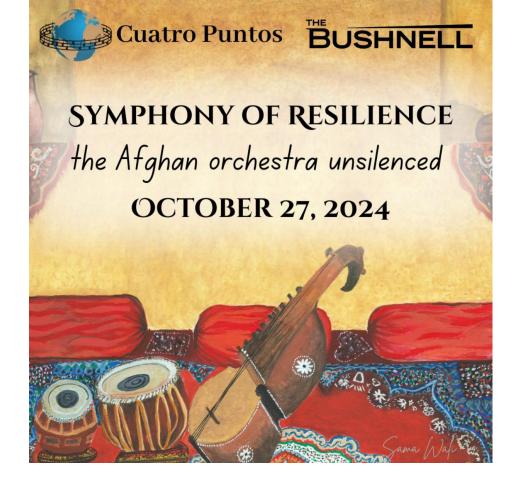
Save the Date: Fall Clean Up Saturday, October 26 at 9:00am

Join us as we clean up our church grounds in preparation for winter. This is a great way to spruce up the church while catching up with friends and making new friends from Westminster.

- When: Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Feel free to come at any point during that time and stay for as long as you can.
- Who: EVERYONE! We'll have projects for all ages and ability levels. Come by even if you just want to socialize.
- What to wear: Clothing and shoes that can get dirty. Long pants/shirts to protect legs and arms.
- Tools to bring if you have them:
 - Gloves
 - Paper yard bags
 - Pruning snips/shears
 - Rakes for gathering weeds, debris we will not be doing leaf raking

Contact Greg Hammond at rgregoryh@yahoo.com or 860.209.4737 with any questions.

We look forward to seeing you October 26!



Orchestra of Afghan Musicians Comes to The Bushnell on October 27

Cuatros Puntos, a non-profit that spotlights persecuted and underrepresented musicians, have hosted concerts at Westminster in the past that many members and friends have attended. They asked that we let you know that Sunday, October 27, the concert, *Symphony of Resilience: The Afghan Orchestra Unsilenced* will be held at Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts in Hartford at 3pm or 6:30pm.

Following the 2021 takeover by the Taliban, music is once again entirely forbidden in Afghanistan. Any music played or heard inside the country comes with grave risk. The rich musical traditions of Afghanistan survive only in exile. This concert will feature music by Afghan composers, past and present, played by a mix of traditional Afghan and Western instruments.

Tickets can be <u>purchased here on the Bushnell website</u>, or by calling the box office at 860-987-5900.

Prayers of the People

We continue to pray for:

The victims of the Helene and Milton Hurricanes; Art Riihimaki; Nancy Dewey; Karen Wagner's friends Sherm who is struggling with health issues, and Deana, who is recovering from brain surgery; Becky Kimberly's cousin Pete; Janet Wade-Utay's brother George Wade, who is battling cancer; Greg Hammond's cousin Bridget; Jim and Vivian Carlson; David MacMeekin and family; Elsie Harp and family; Ross and Ginger Ludeman; Howard Sprout; Laura Berman and family; Karen Wagner's friend Rich; Jon Scoville; Muriel Sherman; David MacMeekin's brother-in-law, Dan Reinhard; Rachel Lloyd's Aunt Katie; Stella Madjitey; Betty Stokes; the people of Palestine and Israel; and the children of the world.

We grieve with:

- John and Corky Larew on the death of their son Andy on October 1st. Prayers of comfort for his family;
- Friends and families of those in recent months who mourn the death of loved ones. May they be comforted.

We celebrate with:

- Jessica and David Denio on the birth of their daughter Samantha Helen, born on October 2nd. Congratulations to big brother Peter and big sister Rosie;
- Tilton Scholars Ryan Mancini and Vanessa Pare on their engagement! (see photo below...)



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