



The TrumBulletin



A Publication of the Trumbull Church of Christ, 2 Drew Circle, Trumbull, CT. 06611
203-261-5201

Volume CL 150 Issue 40, Sept. 15, 2024

IT'S NOT WHAT I EXPECTED

I can only imagine what was going through the minds of the Jesus' disciples when they watched their Lord willingly walk into a situation where He would be tortured and put to death. They had followed Him, loved Him, and trusted Him for three years of their life. Now, He was leaving them to be mocked, insulted, and nailed to a cruel cross. It had to be horrifying for them to witness this happen to their close friend and teacher. It could not have made much sense to them. Jesus had told them that He was the Son of God, but yet there He was, having nails driven through His hands and feet.

Jesus' death on the cross was not at all what His disciples were expecting. It certainly was not what they wanted or hoped for. However, it is what they needed. Their hope and our hope for eternal life depended on Jesus' death on that cross. A tragic moment for Jesus turned into salvation for the entire world.

Do things happen in your life that you do not expect? Are you in a situation that turned out to be anything other than what you hoped for or dreamed of? Do you think God can produce something good out of that situation anyway, no matter how terrible it may seem? Sure He can! Sometimes the unexpected needs to happen in order for something better can happen. God knows far more about what we need than we can ever know. Isaiah 55:8-9 says, "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Jesus helped put His death into perspective for His disciples in John 12:23-24, when He said, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." Just as Jesus had to face death to save the world for the glory of God, we as His followers must sacrifice our own lives for our good and God's glory. Jesus will go on to say in John 12:25, "The man who loves his life will lose it, while the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life." Making sacrifices for God and for others may not always be what we originally expect in a particular situation, but if we remember how the unexpected death of the disciples' Master worked out, we will find comfort in knowing our Lord is in control. Trust God in all situations!

~Ron Saracino

NEWS & NOTES

Month of Sept. We will be collecting items for the Seymour/Oxford food bank for recent flood victims-List on back table- see Lisa with any questions. Monetary donations also appreciated.	Sept.- Friday nights- Biblical boundaries by Flo Repecko starting Sept. 6 - 6:30 for fellowship, 7pm Bible study Refreshments will be provided.	Sat. Sept 21 trip to Big E Sept.27-7pm Men's Bible Study at church building Sat. Sept 28 Young Adult Group- Bible Study and fellowship- see Zach/Tori Sun. Sept.29- 3:30pm area wide hymn sing at our building	Remember to contribute to Spooner House food collection and our own food pantry.. BARNABAS PROJECT- IF INTERESTED in joining contact MaryLou(475)529-5751
--	---	--	---

*Pray for Leah's friend, **Sue Noyes** who fractured her leg.
 *Pray for **Linda Cerminara** who fainted and fell a few times this past week, and **Greg** as he cares for her.
 *Pray for **David** (Mary Lou's friend, Barbara's son) who recently had heart surgery.
 *Pray for **Nadine** awaiting results from a PET/CT scan.
 *Pray for **Emille Jones**, he is scheduled for a brain biopsy 9/26
 *. *Pray for **Ray Fernandes** 's brother **Mike** healing from surgery, his **mom's** medical issues and son **Zach**, recovering from shingles.
 *Pray for **Irene Aschen** with treatment for delicate medical issues.
 *Pray for **Jim & Tracy Walkup** who are driving back to Tucson.
 *Pray for **Flo** as she continues with medical testing.
 *Pray for **Kathryn Dutt** (employee of Kris Eddy) she is to have heart surgery to correct A-fib, also for **Chelsey** as she navigates a new job.
 *Pray for **Tatyana Malagutti** who is undergoing testing for several medical issues.
 *Pray for all those in CT affected by the recent storm.
 *Pray for Ken & Pamela Pimpton's daughter, **Kandice** who will be having tests for her kidneys on 9/4.
 *Pray for **Theresa** (Ray & Leah,s coworker) who recently had a fall sustaining multiple injuries.

*Pray for those dealing with cancer and chemo treatments- **Al Wilson, Judith Gomez, David Fritzinger, Cohen** (Ron's friend), **Tom Byer**
 ***Prayers for all those who have lost loved ones this past year.**
 *Pray for **families, relatives, friends and people we are reaching out to**, that they may turn to the Lord. Special prayers **for our church leaders.**
 Prayers for all families caring for their elderly or sick loved ones: Allie Saracino-Cherie, ,Bob and Joanne Discala-Virginia,Greg & Linda, Gina Porto
 ***Pray for those suffering from long term illnesses:**Emille Jones, Ted & Toni Bonadio, Kevin Early, NadineKeller,Greg & Linda Cerminara,Jeremy Sazone,Flo Repecko, Pat Yaglowksi. Meegan and Irene, Sylvia Sandoval, Nuris Gomez, Mildred, Karen O, Angela's mom Connie Scalzo, Anthony Katz., Jasmyn Malagutti,Daniel Ruiz., Zak Pappas Fernandes. , Jim Walkup's brother (Sam), Lance Flood,Zach Saracino, Joshua Ruiz, Brody Streety & all children with diabetes.

*Anyone interested in helping with **World Bible School-** contact Ron
 ***Opportunities** to serve: any men willing to participate in worship service in other capacities for the church, please contact Bruce Post. Anyone interested in leading and/or helping with the building or church house maintenance please contact Bruce Pancoast.

Please bring nonperishable food items for the **Spooner House** - a list of all items needed is on back table: Jelly/Jam/Peanut Butter, Cereal/Oatmeal, Canned Meats: Chicken, Tuna, Corned Beef Hash, Canned Ravioli/Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Fruit/Applesauce, Crackers/Snacks, Pancake Mix/Syrup, Ramen, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Baked beans/Pork and Beans, Canned/Dried Beans (i.e. Black, Chick Pea, Cannellini, Kidney, Pinto), Rice/Rice-A-Roni, Soup/Stew/Chili, Instant/Canned Potatoes/Yams. Bring these food items to the building to be delivered to the Spooner House. Please make sure that items do not have expired dates. Thank you

Elders:Bruce Pancoast 203-583-0551
Ron Saracino 203-913-8345
Minister: Ron Saracino 203-913-8345
Spanish Ministry: Elmer Sandavol 914-914-486-9146
Deacons: Ray Fernandes 203-502-8871
Luis Ruiz 203-610-2396
Bob Discala 203-521-7252
Patrick Keller 203-218-9517
Derin Wilson 203-360-1695

Wednesday Night Bible Study
 7:00 pm via zoom
 Bible class Sun. 10 am, worship service 11 am
 Online bible class and worship service go to our website: trumbullchurchofchrist.org
Week of 9/15/24
Song Leader :Derin Wilson
Lord's table:Bruce Pancoast
Closing Prayer:Kris Eddy
Usher:Yeremi DeLeon
Week of 9/01-9/7/24
Donations \$5880Expenses:\$3455