

Join Homefront and Helping Hands Project

WUMC's Helping Hands Ministry is seeking volunteers for a joint one-day project with HomeFront

(<https://www.homefrontprogram.org/drupal7/>) in support of repairs being made to Carol Hennessey's house. This is a continuation of efforts begun during last year's Lenten Service project and continued throughout 2025. The May 2nd event will be an all-day event starting at 7am, but volunteers can participate for as long as their schedule allows. Volunteers with little to no DIY skill sets can make an impact. Please see this week's LTG article for more details. If you are interested in supporting this project, please contact Mark Davis (860-882-4427, mwd2010a@yahoo.com).

AT 6 P.M. THE WUMC CROSSROADS FORUM WILL BEGIN WITH LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, followed by the formal start of the program at 6:30 p.m. and concluding at 8 p.m. Christian Education and Affirmation & Inclusion ministry teams are hosting this compelling forum. The panel of presenters will include Rev. Paul Fleck, Prof. Carina Bandhauer, and a representative from Danbury Unites for Immigrants. Rev. Fleck is a former attorney and the current Executive Director of *Immigration Law & Justice New York*.

Prof. Bandhauer teaches sociology at a local university, specializing in immigration studies, racism, and Latin America. She is also a founding member of *Danbury Unites for Immigrants*, serves on the Board of Directors for *Connecticut Students for a Dream*, and coordinates the *UndocuAlly Task Force*.

A member of *Danbury Unites for Immigrants* will share their personal experience. The goals of the evening are to bring greater awareness regarding immigrants - legal status, rights, misperceptions, and ICE activity - along with specific resources and opportunities to become involved in immigrant advocacy.

Crossroads is a free event that is open to the public, so please plan to attend and invite others to join on:

Sunday May 3rd at 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Doors will open at 6 PM with light refreshments available.

Registration is not required, but it is encouraged.

Please contact the church office or use this QR code:



Lantern Coffeehouse: Music That Inspires Hope will be held on Friday, May 8, 6 - 9 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All ages are welcome to come share an evening of music, creativity, and community.

This open-mic gathering welcomes musicians, singers, and poets to share music and words that inspire hope and joy. This is no cost to participate, but a free will offering will be taken for those who wish to give. Musicians are encouraged to bring their own instruments. A keyboard, microphones and basic PA system will be provided. If you plan to take a turn at the mic, please help us by signing up in advance at <https://forms.gle/HCCQtehUvt2ZIZgP8>.

Event Coordinator Keri Lavish is excited to have the community share their talents. *"Whether you come to perform or simply listen - bring a friend, and come enjoy some coffee and treats with us. Let the music lift your spirit"*. To learn more, please contact Keri at Keri.riefenhauser@gmail.com or 203-819-3208.

Visiting Missionary Hannah Reasoner will be in the New York Annual Conference on May 18 - 24. Ms. Reasoner is from New York and is currently serving in Columbia. She will be sharing her story at the Watertown UMC on Tuesday, May 19th at 12:00 noon and at the Great Hill UMC in Seymour at 6:30 pm on the same day. All are welcome to attend either event, and will surely be blessed by hearing how God is working through Hannah in Columbia and the greater region.