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What Makes a Home for You

by Pastor Jacob Eun

As some of you know, I traveled to South Korea for the month of September to visit my family. And it is very interesting to think that I have two countries that I call home: South Korea where I was born and raised, where my family is now, and here in Connecticut. The day before my flight to the States, my dad said, "It's almost time that you return to your home." And now I am back in Shelton, CT, and it truly felt like home. My trip to Korea made me ponder upon the meaning of home: what makes home 'home'.

My family left our home country to find a new home. When we first settled in Connecticut, in Fairfield, everything was foreign to us: the language, people, culture, and even the smell. Not knowing the language and culture, we struggled almost in every aspect of our life, from buying a car, driving from one place to another, paying bills, ordering food, making friends, and so forth.

Then, we moved to Easton, CT, our second home in the States. And I went to school at UConn, Drew, and Princeton. My family moved to Long Island and lived there for over 10 years, and now they moved back to Korea. Now, I'm Connecticut all by myself.

So throughout my life, I have had many homes. I have a home associated with my parents. I have another home associated with my profession. I have another home associated with my education. I can't just name one geographical place. I have to explain my life story. My nationality doesn't answer the question neither the place I live. So I came to ponder upon this question: What makes it a home for me? Is it a place I come from? Is it a house that I'm living in?

Out of many homes I had, have, and will have, what makes a home for me is love. Living in a foreign country gave me many moments soaked in tears and red with fury. I felt I didn't belong here and thought I would not survive. But my family kept the tragedy at bay until I could breathe calmly once again. My family did not have all the answers but they promised me that God will take care of us. My family held each other through the nights and promised each other that we have to trust God. Ever since then, it became just a little easier to keep catastrophic dread at bay. They taught me a valuable lesson of home: How things can go very wrong and yet can be fixed, how resilient a family can be, how many second chances there are when love is involved, and how strong we can become when we trust in God.

Once we define home like this, a strange thing can happen: we realize we don't have to restrict the concept of home to its basic biological or

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geographical limits. In reality, anyone who takes a deeply supportive, loving attitude towards us is automatically, in an extended sense, part of your home or your family. And we in our turn become a family member to anyone we treat in this reliably generous way.

That is why the highest command from God remains stunningly simple: to strive to treat all of humankind as if they were what they in fact already really are: members of one enormous family.

You are my home and you are my family. God is good and gracious for bringing me here to give me another family that is so loving and caring. Jesus redefines the concept of family so that everyone, especially those who have no home and no family, can have a place to call home, and people to call their family. When we celebrate and rejoice together, there is a greater joy and happiness. When we suffer together and offer ourselves for help, there is healing. When we walk together and work together, there is nourishment and growth.

You showed me what a Christian home looks like. You showed me what a Christian family looks like and what Christian love feels like. It is my sincere prayer that love overflows from our church, home and family for many, onto others, bringing them to the love of God. I give thanks to God for all of you for helping me feel at home in Shelton, CT. May God's everlasting love be known in this place.



“Getting back to normal” has been the refrain for many people in the past several months. Life now somewhat resembles pre-pandemic normalcy, and we missed our gatherings as one church family for worship and fellowship.

11.6 Pack the Pews! But Why?

It is important to know why behind what and how. We want more people to come to church. We want to see increase! We want to grow in faith and in number. But why? Come to church to learn why we are dedicating the month of November to pack the pews.

11.13 Pack the Pews! But How?

Why is the engine of what and how. Your why comes from your heart. Your how comes from your mind. Your what comes from your hands and feet. On this Sunday, learn how we can pack the pews and be the hands and feet of Christ, bringing your friends and families for worship!

11.20 Thanksgiving Sunday

Giving thanks to God is really important. Thanksgiving for what you have received is-of course-gratitude. But thanking God for what you are yet to receive is faith. Through the story of ten lepers, we will learn how thanksgiving is an important aspect in our salvation equation!



Thanksgiving Sunday

Happy early Thanksgiving! It is hard to believe that Thanksgiving is fast approaching and soon, the year 2022 will be almost over. On this season of harvest and month of thanksgiving, I want to ask you a question: When you think of Thanksgiving, what images come to mind? Roast turkey, cranberry sauce, and mashed potatoes with gravy? Watching football with your family and friends? Perhaps the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

Yes, Thanksgiving is a time of the year where we enjoy joyful laughter over deliciously home cooked meals. But we ask ourselves: where is some real gratitude? Thanksgiving should be about more than a parade or a pumpkin pie. Let us pause for a moment and reflect our hearts. Then, count the blessings God has given us. Food before us. Friends beside us. Love between us. God's presence that strengthens and comforts us in dark times. Our life in days of strength and health, new life in Christ, and eternal life with God through Jesus.

My gratitude is you, my new family in Christ at Huntington UMC. I am overflowing with gratitude for the way God gathered every each one of us according to His purpose to be one church family. I have a new sense of comfort, support, and hope because of you. I genuinely believe that our church will thrive and grow based on this foundation of love. I thank God for every one of you. May God's abundant love fill your household as we continue to choose God and each other over and over and over again.

Yours in Christ,

Jacob Ein



Stewardship Campaign

Dear Family in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Hope you are enjoying "a second spring when every leaf is a flower" (Albert Camus). We are now in a season of harvest, full of feuilemorte colors. May God's abundant grace and love pour upon you and your family.

As we are approaching the season of gratitude, I can't imagine how grateful I am that-although it has had devastating impacts and will never go away entirely-COVID-19 is slowly going away. So our theme for this November is: Pack the Pews. It will be a great joy to invite friends, neighbors, and family once again to church for worship at Huntington UMC.

And I am thankful for your faithful support of our church. Many of you have been faithful and generous givers in supporting the ministry and mission of our parish. Thank you for all your support, and we ask you for your continuous commitment. As we are launching a new worship series on stewardship, I encourage you to think prayerfully about the coming year's financial commitment. If the Spirit of God is nudging you and convicting you, we ask that you seek guidance in increasing your pledge. Any amount of increase is a sign of spiritual growth. As always, any change in financial circumstances, you may adjust your pledge at



any time.

We have several ministries that exist to fulfill our parish mission and serve our community. Giving of our time and talent through these ministries is just as much an act of stewardship as giving financially. If you would like to contribute your time, gifts and graces, and resources, we have many committees for you! To name a few, music (choir and chime bell choir), Sunday School, youth, trustees, nominations, SPRCS,

Member and Evangelism (M&E), Missions and Social Concerns, and so forth. Please let Pastor Jacob know if you are interested!

There will be pledge cards available from the first Sunday of November. We ask that you bring your pledge cards to our Thanksgiving Sunday on Sunday, November 20th, 2022 or mail it to the church. And on the same Sunday, we invite you to join us for Potluck Thanksgiving Fellowship and celebrate together all the blessings God bestowed upon us. May your commitment in following Christ equip you and us as one church to advance God's kingdom here in Shelton through Huntington United Methodist Church.

Thank you for all kinds of support, encouragement, and stewardship from you for this church. We will continue to need your prayerful and financial support. May God's abundant blessings surround you with love and peace always in all ways.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Jacob Eun



2023 Pledge Card

How to Return The 2023 Stewardship Pledge Card

By Mail:


Huntington United Methodist Church
338 Walnut Tree Hill Road, Shelton, CT 06484

By E-Mail:

Send an email to Cindy Savoie at clsavoie@ymail.com with all of your pledge information.

At Church:

Place your completed card on the offering plate during the service on Sunday, November 20.


2023 Stewardship Pledge Card

Name: _____ Family: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

In support of HUMC, I/we will contribute: \$ _____

Weekly
 Monthly
 Quarterly
 Annually

Total Commitment for 2023: \$ _____

Thank you for your generous support of Huntington United Methodist Church.

Snippets of Our Church



Mark Your Calendar

Weekly Meetings/Events

Mon	Adult Bible Study	7:00pm HUMC
Wed	Bell Choir	7:15pm HUMC
Thu	Choir	7:00pm HUMC

Worship Series for November:

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Mark Your Calendar!

11.13 (Sun)	Annual Fall Clean Up	after service	
	Church Conference	2:30pm	Bethel UMC
11.19 (Sat)	Martial Arts Day	12:30-2:30pm	
11.20 (Sun)	Thanksgiving Sunday	10:00am	HUMC
	Potluck Luncheon	after service	HUMC
	Church Council Meeting	TBA	HUMC
11.27 (Sun)	First Sunday of Advent		

Happy Birthday (November)

11 Amy Miller	13 Steven Peiffer	14 Timothy Tyler
15 Sandra Smart	26 Donna Graham	29 Adeline Poach

Happy Anniversary (November)

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Announcements

Welcome

1. If you need to schedule a time with Pastor Jacob, you can reach to him at 203-615-3214 or leadpastor@huntingtonumc.com
2. Join us for worship on Sunday at 8:30am (in-person) or 10:00am (in-person, Zoom, and Youtube). Meeting ID for Zoom is 867 9342 7439 and Youtube, search Huntington United Methodist Church.

Announcements

1. We started Adult Bible Study on Mondays at 7:00pm at HUMC. Please join us as we study the Word of God. We are going through the four gospels.
2. The HUMC Ushers are making a come-back! We are looking for regular church goers but if you aren't able to make your assigned date, we always have others on the team ready to fill in. Please let Brian Kweder (kweder@sbcglobal.net, 860-803-0760) know if you would like to be an usher.
3. Need a Ride? Please call Debbie Costa (203-339-5917) or Darlene Reilly-Lengyel (203-260-3067). They will be happy to help provide you with a ride to and from church.
4. Meal Train is here to help. Please contact Pastor Jacob or Membership and Evangelism co-chairs Amanda Wetmore (akovacs38@gmail.com) or Kate Kieley (katekieley@hotmail.com) for more information.
5. Spooner House Meals. We have just posted our new 2023 sign-up sheet. Please follow the link below to sign up for a date in 2023: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49ACAC22A3F4C34-2023>

Support Our Ministries

1. Mission Annual Coat Drive. The Missions and Outreach Committee would like to thank everyone for donating 98 beautiful coats and many hats, gloves and scarves! They will be divided and distributed to people in need.
2. Be sure to use Amazon Smile so that our church gets a portion of the profit. Same prices, same Amazon Prime and shipping. Only difference is that in the corner it says "Amazon Smile" and "you have designated HUMC to receive donations."

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