



# the Copper Hill Connection

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## Pastor's Postings A Place To Belong

by Rev. Dr. Kelvin S. Jones



You matter! You can find a place to fit in! That's what we believe here at Copper Hill Church. Each person can make a difference right here in their own community.

We've set aside Sept. 17 as a special Sunday to welcome our neighbors—new and familiar faces—in cooperation with the National Back to Church Movement. The theme for the 9:30 AM service is "A Place to Belong."

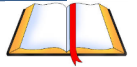
This emphasis comes at a great time. With summer being so busy, it is easy to get in the habit of missing out on honoring Jesus, spending time in prayer, and receiving encouragement from others. Now is a great time to get back to church! In our country these days, with its more rude and disrespectful attitudes, the lack of gentleness and kindness in public discourse calls us all back to the source of our values—our faith. Now is a great time to look to Jesus for a more loving and joyful perspective.

Plans for this day include several unique features: excellent music—choir and harp—a children's moment and Sunday School time for the children, and a message by Pastor Kelvin Jones on the theme, "A Place to Belong." Afterwards, everyone is invited to enjoy a unique fellowship time and coffee hour outdoors in front of our church.

Churches participating in "Back to Church Sunday" believe that there's never been a better time than now for people to come back. Getting plugged in to a church offers a place to belong, opportunities to serve the community, and the chance to grow spiritually through a journey of personal faith.

"Back to Church Sunday" began in 2009 and has been gaining momentum ever since. More than 30,000 churches have been involved nationwide.

*"Restore us again,  
O God our Savior. Will You not  
revive us again, that Your people may  
rejoice in You?" (Psalm 85:4, 6).*



## A Call to PRAYER

In times of uncertainty, our hearts turn to God, our Rock and our Refuge.

On **September 11**, our church will participate in "**Cry Out America**," an initiative of the *National Day of Prayer Task Force*. We will host a community prayer service at 6:30 PM to pray for our country, communities, churches and families.

"Cry Out America", founded in 2007 by the Awakening America Alliance, is a national prayer movement focused on crying out for a Christ-awakening in the U.S. The goal is to involve the Body of Christ in networking prayer.

## Children's HAYRIDE and Costume Party

One of our most popular children's events is our annual Fall Harvest Party. On Sunday, **October 29**, from **3:00—5:15 PM**, we will welcome children of the community to share in the fun of a Hayride and Costume Party, here at the church.

We will begin with costume judging of the most creative, funniest, best animal and Bible costumes, etc. (rather than scary disguises) with prizes for all. Then everyone (parents too) climbs on a wagon for a ride up Griffin Road. Following music and story time, the children can enjoy a hot meal of favorite foods.



Each child will receive a gift bag of candy and prizes. We would love to have you bring neighborhood children and extended family to this fun event, as we share the love of Christ with these precious children!

# Ministries of Our Church

## Help for

### Hurricane Harvey Victims

Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Texas and Louisiana who have been hard hit by Hurricane Harvey.



**UMCOR** (our **U**nited **M**ethodist **C**ommittee **O**n **R**elief) has been providing support, starting even before Harvey made landfall. In our quarterly missions budget, we plan to designate funds toward Harvey relief through UMCOR.

To make an additional, individual donation, please send us your check made out to the church with ‘*Hurricane Harvey*’ in the memo line, and we will ensure it gets to UMCOR. Remember that 100% of our donations through UMCOR go directly to the victims. Administrative expenses are paid through church apportionments.

### UMW Potluck

United Methodist Women will hold their first meeting of the fall season on **Tuesday, September 12**, at 6:00 PM at the church. UMW is open to all women of the church. Please join us after the dinner as we make plans for upcoming events. Meetings in other months are held at the church at 7 PM on the second Tuesday of the month.

## Video Study of John’s Gospel

Would you like to draw closer to God? Studying the Bible is a great way to know Him better.

Pastor Kelvin Jones will lead a new fall Bible study on the Gospel of John at two times and venues. One study will meet at Higley Village Clubhouse in East Granby at 1 PM on Tuesdays beginning Sept. 19. The other study will meet Copper Hill Church in the Fellowship Hall on Monday nights at 7 PM beginning Sept. 25.

This series is especially exciting as Pastor Kelvin plans to use the Gospel of John DVD to allow each group to watch an accurate portrayal of the Scripture. Then there will be time to ask questions as well as discuss key ideas from the video. John is an easy book to study, and Pastor Kelvin strives to make the study simple and relevant. This would be a great first Bible study for anyone. At the close of each study, Pastor Kelvin will lead a prayer time, which adds mutual support and encouragement.

The study series will run until Thanksgiving.

## “Goings On” at Our Church

### SAVE the DATES!

#### Church Dinners

#### Roast Pork Dinner, Sat. Oct. 14, 5 PM

Menu: roast pork loin with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots, applesauce, rolls and butter, hot and cold beverages, and apple pie with cheese for dessert. For reservations, call Mary at (860) 653-2834.

#### Turkey Dinner,

Sat. Nov. 4, 5PM

Menu: roast turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, bread stuffing, turnips, green peas, cranberries, rolls and butter, hot and cold beverages, and pumpkin or apple pie with cheese for dessert.



The cost for both dinners will be adults—\$12; children under 12—\$6; preschoolers—free.

### Bargains! \* \* Great Finds! \* \* Gift Ideas!

#### Annual Fall Tag & Bake Sale

Saturday, **September 23**, 9 AM—2 PM.

You can drop off your donations on the previous Saturday, September 16, from 9 AM until 1 PM. To arrange for item pick-up, call Susan at (860) 668-1031.

Please bring food items, *wrapped and priced*, prior to the start on the morning of the sale. Come and find many “treasures” as well as a plentiful number of home-baked goods for purchase.



#### Annual Holiday Bazaar

Friday & Saturday, **November 17 & 18**.

On Friday hours will be 1—4 PM. On Saturday the sale runs from 10 AM—3 PM, with a soup & sandwich luncheon served from 11 AM—2 PM. There will be lots of hand-crafted items from which to choose: afghans, quilts, decorations, kitchen towels, and a bountiful supply of baked goods (cakes, cookies, pies, breads, etc.) On Saturday there will also be soups and casseroles at the baked goods table.



## New Carpeting

We are rejoicing in the culmination of a vision which began several years ago—we have a new carpet!

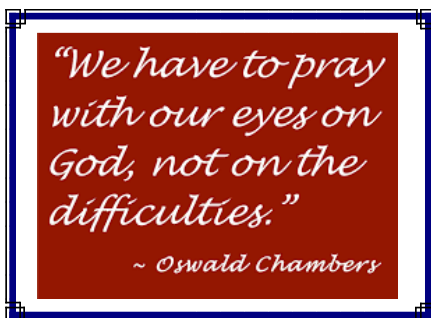
Our United Methodist Women's group has been saving money for new carpet for our vestibule and sanctuary. Robert Loomis had reported that the current carpet dated back to the 1980s. We are thankful that it lasted so well, but it was time to replace it.

The project suffered many delays. As a church, we waited patiently as new sanctuary doors were installed to block out the weather, for a flooding utility pipe to be fixed, and for the soffit leak (which discolored the wall) to be repaired, and the area painted. A couple more projects leapfrogged over the carpet project due to their pressing safety concerns—the new railing for the sanctuary balcony and new lighting for the fellowship hall.

At last, the way was clear. Pastor Kelvin announced that the leadership hoped to raise additional funds. Several ladies working together did the legwork to investigate sources, prices, patterns, and types of carpet. They brought some samples to a service for suggestions and made recommendations to the Church Council, who chose the final carpet. The willingness of the congregation to help was evident in the additional \$2000 in funds that were quickly raised. It is a joyful occasion when we complete a project together!

Judy Holcomb reports that the new carpet has special backing to help deal with the uneven colonial-era plank floor of our historic sanctuary. This will help to make it more durable.

We invite you to come and see the new carpet this Sunday!



## A Source of Spiritual Strength

Over the past months, Pastor Kelvin has shared some very helpful words of encouragement in his weekly sermon series. You can read more about each of the following topics on his website listed below.

### Lessons For Troubling Times (July Series)

God's Good Plans to Revive Us

Practicing Faith in Troubling Times

Navigating Wisely in Troubling Times



### Prayer Power (August series)

The Church on Its Knees

Helping Others Through Prayer

The Power of Prayer Cells

### A Place To Belong (September Series)

Helping People to Jesus

Sharing the Good News

A Place To Belong

### Doing Our Part to Change the World (October)

To access these timely truths, go to the website below and click on "Sermons" in the upper left corner.  
<http://learntobewise.com>

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*"You will seek Me and find Me  
when you seek me  
with all your heart."*



*Jeremiah 29:13*

## Suffield On the Green Booth



As part of our outreach to the community, Copper Hill Church will again have a booth at "Suffield On the Green," Saturday and Sunday, September 9, 10. We enjoy interacting with people who pass by, making new friends, and greeting familiar faces.

We give out bracelets to children, and bookmarks and informational flyers to all who are interested. We also give free Bibles to those who want them.

We'd love to have you stop by and say hello if you take in this special event.

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### Regular Meetings/Activities

**Worship Service:** 9:30 AM Sunday morning; Children's Sun. School

**Communion:** First Sunday of each month

Sept. 11—"Cry Out America" Prayer Service

Sept. 17—"Back-To-Church Sunday" Service, Coffee Hour

Sept. 23—Fall Tag & Bake Sale (Details inside)

Oct. 14—Roast Pork Dinner

Oct. 29—Kids' Harvest Party

Nov. 4—Turkey Dinner \*\*\*\* Nov. 17, 18—Holiday Bazaar



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