

The Old Man's News

Mt. Sinai Congregational, UCC - July/August 2025

Upcoming Summer Events @Mt.SinaiChurch



Vacation Bible Camp



Our annual Vacation Bible Camp program: **NOAH'S ARK**, is underway. Genesis 6:9 is being brought to life in our Sunday Morning program held during worship. We opened our first session on June 22nd with "Guess what animal this is" and "What animal makes this noise?" Each week we will be learning a song about the animals entering the Ark "2 by 2".

We will also be learning about Psalm 23, *The Lord Is My Shepherd*, and will welcome some "mystery readers" to our morning. You are invited to stop by the "big room" to see what we do anytime!

Thank you,
Ms. Stacey, Ms. Cheryl and Ms. Caroline

Steeple Showcase - July & August 2025

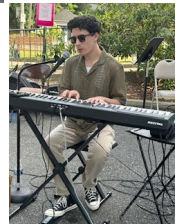
Saturday, July 26th from 3 to 6 p.m.

- Blue Grass Buddies
- Eddie & Bob performing originals and covers
- Raffles, Food Trucks & More



Saturday, August 23rd from 3 to 6 p.m.

- Featuring a solo performance by Hunter Caiazzo of his original songs & popular covers
- McNulty's ice cream cart will be back too!



Join us at our Family-Friendly Concerts!!

LGBT Network Representative to Visit MSUCC

Please join Missions in celebrating our church's
30th anniversary of being Open and Affirming.

On Thursday, July 31st at 6:00 pm in Voorhees Hall, we welcome Micah Schneider, Program Director at the Long Island LGBT Network for an informal evening to learn about their organization, discuss the recent Supreme Court ruling on transgender youth and other important issues.

It is sure to be an informative and enjoyable evening. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!



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The **Caring Ministry** of Mt. Sinai Congregational Church is offering Grief Support Sessions for anyone who has experienced loss and is looking for support in a warm and caring peer support group. Diane Corson is facilitating the group.

July 12th, July 19th, August 9th and August 23rd

10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Mt. Sinai Congregational Church, 233 N. Country Rd., Mt. Sinai, NY 11766

To register, please email us at mssc1@optonline.net or call the church office at 631-473-1582 and leave your contact information so Diane can confirm with you and answer any questions you may have.

Cruising the Caribbean in February 2026

Want to escape the winter blues? Come cruising with friends from Mt. Sinai Church and the community to the sunny Caribbean from February 3rd to 14th.

The Norwegian Cruise Line trip will take us to the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Tortola, St. Martin and St. Thomas! Transportation to the dock and back is being arranged so everything is smooth sailing.

The trip is a fundraiser for the church (thank you Eddie and Carol Melendez) and so much more for those who go. **For further information call or text Kathy Morace at 631-796-6856.**

Suggestions?

The Suggestion Box has been moved to the front entry-way (narthex). Along with paper and pencils on which to write your suggestion/s, you have all you need to tell us of your concerns.

The box is checked regularly and suggestions are given to the appropriate board lead or staff person.

Many improvements have been made already, including installation of reflective driveway markers on the parking area above the Red Barn and safety strips on stairs going down to the lower parking lot.

Keep those ideas coming!!

Coffee Hour

Join us on July 6th at our monthly coffee hour. This is a wonderful time to catch up with friends and meet new people!

The Hospitality Committee invites



you to bring a treat to be shared by all. Please call the office if you have any questions about what to bring.

Worship & Sacraments

"Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?"
Psalm 139:7

Happy Summer to you all from the Worship Board!

The kids are enjoying Summer Sundays programs, going downstairs upon arrival to church.

The air conditioners are running; if you usually sit upstairs and the noise bothers you, we invite you to remain downstairs. (The AC's protect the organ and piano from humidity, as well as help to keep us all a bit cooler.)

Finally, we are delighted to offer you a July challenge with a "Psalms Scavenger Hunt." It will take you deeper into some of the Psalms by encouraging you to find what the "hunt" asks of you. It also invites you to consider what the "found" passage might mean to you. Kids who read can do this on their own, or you can participate in the game as a family.

Click on the link below to access a printable PDF of the scavenger hunt, or take a paper copy from the worship bulletin board in Voorhees Hall. Keep your faith active in July!

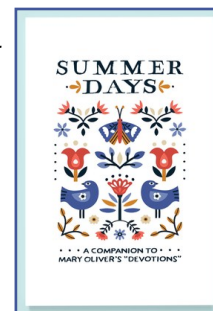
Blessings,
Sue

[Psalms Scavenger Hunt](#)

SALT Project "Summer Days"

"At its best, summer is a season of rest and joy – tapping into the ancient, sacred practice of sabbath restoration. Mary Oliver can help us reconnect with this dimension of summertime, savoring what she calls its 'luminous sprawl of gifts.'

"This devotional is designed to be flexible: use it as an individual practice of companionship with Oliver's Devotions. Spread it out over four weeks, four days, or a holiday weekend." (<https://www.saltproject.org>)



Sunday Worship At Mt. Sinai Church



In-Person Worship - Join us at our 10 a.m. service in the sanctuary. Communion, as always, takes place on the first Sunday of the month.

Digital Worship - Digital worship is available as a live stream. at 10 a.m. on the LIVE tab of our YouTube channel: [Mt. Sinai Congregational Church, UCC - YouTube](#). After that time you can find the service in the regular recordings section.

Offering - There are many ways to donate to the church: via check or cash (offering plate, drop-off or mail), electronic payment via the church website <https://www.msucc.org>, by setting up bill pay through your bank or roll-over from a 401(k)/403(b). We appreciate your support.

“Ordinary Time... what a weird name for a liturgical season!”

“Ordinary” in this case comes from the Latin *ordinalis* which means to order or count. During Ordinary Time, we are counting the weeks between the two festival seasons of Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. There are two chunks of Ordinary Time – January/February and summer/fall. We are in that second chunk.

So what does the Church do during Ordinary Time? Ordinary Time is for growth and maturation, hence the liturgical color green. We delve into history, exploring the stories of Jesus’ ministry which occurred in a particular time and place. We live with mystery which is interwoven with that history – stories of miracles, curious sayings and parables, and unlikely friendships. And we think about our own time and the mystery in our lives individually and together. Ordinary Time is a season of conversion.

From [Community United Church of Christ](#)

The Red Barn

Summer is hopping at the Red Barn! This popular thrifting spot draws people from all over and has been busier than ever! The amazing team that keeps it all going is made up of many people who do a variety of jobs, and they would love to have your help. If you are interested in joining the team contact the office and leave a message for Patrice Perreca or Barbara DeBree.



Ecumenical Service

Pastor Bill has joined the Port Jefferson Ecumenical Clergy Association and is making connections with other clergy in our area.

Pastor Bill will participate in an ecumenical service on July 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Port Jefferson. **All are welcome to attend.** Email him for more information at pastor-bill1956@gmail.com

Mt. Sinai Congregational, UCC

We are a congregation committed to justice. All are welcome into our full life and ministry regardless of age, race, abilities, economic or marital status, gender, sexual orientation, or gender identification. We are a church that is open and affirming of all people, as we are each made in the image of God.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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If you would like something in the church's monthly newsletter, the deadline to let the editor know is the **20th of every month**. Please, keep in mind that your submission may be edited for content and for space. Email the OMN Editor at cdwiebel@gmail.com with all submissions and questions.

CONGREGATIONAL NURTURE

FRIENDLY CIRCLE!

The Friendly Circle meets on Tuesdays in the Conference Room from 2 to 4 p.m. Participants work on personal knitting, crocheting and craft projects while sharing conversation and good feelings.

If you are interested in joining the Friendly Circle, feel free to drop by on Tuesdays or give the office a call at 631-473-1582 to let us know that you are coming.

CARING MINISTRY

Caring Ministry members call and/or visit those members of the congregation who are not able to attend regular church services. In addition, cards are sent for holidays, birthdays, and to those who are experiencing health issues.



The Caring Ministry will continue to generate the prayer list for the bulletin each week. Please send in prayer requests to Kevin or submit them through the website.



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our Website



Office Hours

Pastor Bill Kovacsik
Sunday 8 - 3
Monday & Tuesday 9 - 5
Wednesday 9 - 2

Kevin Martin, Main Office
Monday - Friday
8:30 - 1:30

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Upcoming Events @Mt.SinaiChurch

July - August 2025

(See individual articles for more information)

July

- 7/3 Ecumenical Service, 7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church in Port Jefferson
- 7/6 Vacation Bible Camp (during service)
Coffee Hour after worship
- 7/12 Grief Support Group, 10 to 11 a.m.
- 7/13 Vacation Bible Camp (during service)
- 7/19 Grief Support Group, 10 to 11 a.m.
- 7/20 Vacation Bible Camp (during service)

July, continued

- 7/26 Steeple Showcase 2025, 3 - 6 p.m.
- 7/27 Vacation Bible Camp (during service)
- 7/31 LGBTQ Network Presentation, 7 p.m.

August

- 8/3 Vacation Bible Camp (during service)
- 8/9 Grief Support Group, 10 to 11 a.m.
- 8/23 Grief Support Group, 10 to 11 a.m.
Steeple Showcase 2025, 3 - 6 p.m.

Miscellanea

Videos and photos needed! We are hoping to add some videos and photos of church activities to our website. If you have videos or photos you would like to share with the tech team, please give Kevin a call at 631-473-1582.

Open and Affirming Baseball Shirts and Caps Pride Month continues, and we still have a few T-shirts left @ \$20 each. They are size XL. And we have hats at half price for \$10. See Barbara Lyon about these.

The Annual Report for 2024 is available on the church website (msucc.org/Events-Resources). If you would like a paper copy of the report, we have placed some in the publications racks in the front entryway. The updated **By-laws** can also be found on the website.

Music News If you'd like to offer your musical gifts for any Sunday worship service during the summer months, and if you'd like to sing with the choir when their "season" starts again in September, please let Sue know.

Food Missions

Food Pantry Hours

Island Heart

Wednesdays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Church Food Cupboard

Tuesdays, 9:15 to 11:45 a.m.

The Food Pantries can always use: Peanut Butter & Jelly, spaghetti sauce, cereal, tuna, canned corn and beans, mac & cheese and toilet paper.

You can drop off items at church any morning, except Saturday.

Island Heart Food Pantry Numbers

	June
Adults	1308
Children	820
60+	60
Families	515
New clients	18