



United Methodist Moments

April 2013

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"Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." -- Ephesians 5:19

"If AUMC closed its doors, would our community notice?"

2013 marks the fourth year that The United Methodist Church has participated in "Change the World," an event led by United Methodist Communications and its partners as part of the Rethink Church movement.

"Change the World: Recovering the Message and Mission of Jesus" is an ongoing event that has involved 200,000 volunteers from more than 15 countries--all participating in a movement to live Christ's love in community for the transformation of the world. (Read more about this on p. 2)

New Members Join the Church!



On March 10th we had five individuals join our church family. *Heather Burlew-Hayden* transferred her membership and the following joined on profession of faith: *Chad Nemo, Trupti Indurkar, Maggie Janish, and Jim Parker*. It was a joy to officially welcome them as members.



Saturday, April 13

Chicken Barbecue for Camperships.

11am until all are sold.

\$9 chicken dinner: \$6 half chicken only.

Also a bake sale for benefit of Inspire Dance.

Look Whoooooooo's

having a baby shower for

Richelle & Mike Sunday April

14 at 11:45 in Fellowship Hall.

All ages are welcome.

The Goffs are registered

at Babies-R-Us and Target. If you can't find her registry on line or need help, just ask. And if you don't shop on-line, gift cards are wonderful. Please pay attention if you purchase a gift that it is taken off the registry. Some things have been already purchased because Richelle has a family shower one week before ours. There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex for this FUN event

Thanks, Deb Janish 729-0872

P.S. They will be using cloth diapers ...cash would be great for this.



Easter Sunday

There will be NO Sunday school on Easter Sunday, March 31. Jr. Church will meet that morning and Nursery Care will be available during the worship service.

Dear Friends,

On Easter Sunday Christians around the world gather to proclaim the Easter Message: Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Through the resurrection of Christ from the dead, God has announced that not even death is stronger than the love of God in Jesus Christ.

As people of faith we are called to trust in this incredibly Good News. There is nothing, absolutely nothing stronger than God and the power of God's love as revealed in Christ. Yet as Easter People we live in a Good Friday world. We live in a world where sin and death exist. Sometimes they appear to have the upper hand.

It's tempting to bury our heads and pretend that these problems do not exist. We could turn off the TV, fold the paper, and go about our daily lives. We could simply ignore the problems of the world.

It is also tempting to throw up our hands in despair. We could complain, "The problems of this world are too numerous. There is nothing I can do about it."

But we can do something. On Saturday, May 18 and Sunday May 19, we will join with other Christians in "Change the World Day." We will be engaged in several ministries to serve our community in love. On Saturday we will be serving at the Soup Kitchen and on Sunday we will be serving at the Community Garden.

Why would we do this? Because we are Easter People!

As Easter People we're asked to trust that ultimately love wins. As Easter People we are called to face the reality of the world with our eyes wide open and to recognize the wonderful in the world along with the needs of the world/ community. As Easter People we are called to follow the example of Christ and offer ourselves in love to the world. We are called to offer our skills, our resources, our hearts, in love and hope that sin and death are not the strongest forces at work in this world. As Easter People we are called to live faithfully in a Good Friday world in trust that through the Grace of God, ultimately love wins.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Rickelle



Sunday Readings for April

April 7 Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8, John 20:19-31

April 14 Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, 7-20, Psalm 30

Revelation 5:11-14, John 21:1-19

April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:36-43, Psalm 23

Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

April 28 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18, Psalm 148

Revelation 21:1-6, John 13:31-35

Thank You

Thank you to those who have been helping to cover office hours in this time of transition. To have a friendly, helpful person that the church can talk to is very important. Betty Green, Carolyn Crandall and Karen Deming have all been doing a fantastic job. Also thanks to Mary Howard and Dave Medler for pitching in and helping where needed!

To our wonderful Caregivers group who take such wonderful care of our homebound and sick members through visits, bringing communion, sending cards, calling and bringing meals. Truly an amazing ministry.

To Karen Deming and her "crew" (Bev, Jean, Marshall, Bob, June, Dave...) who helped provide awesome hospitality the day that the Bishop came to our church to talk to the area clergy and laity. Everything was "perfect" said the District Superintendent.

Words from our mother-to-be...

I'm sure some of you may be wondering what's going to happen around the church while I'm on maternity leave. The District Superintendent and SPRC have agreed on the following plan supported by the Finance Team and Ad. Board.

We wanted to keep everyone else in the loop so here are the details. If you have any concerns please don't hesitate to talk to a member of the SPRC or me. Due Date: May 17--or whenever Baby Goff decides to come!

Pastor Richelle

Details:

The Book of Discipline dictates at least 8 weeks paid leave, and allows up to 12 weeks. SPRC and Pastor Richelle have agreed on 10 weeks.

Pastor Richelle will be applying for Short Term Disability so that the church will be reimbursed up to \$170 per week (by the insurance company, Zurich) for 6-8 weeks (or longer) as determined by her doctor.

We will be paying \$100 a week to the person providing Pastoral Care

We will be paying \$100 a week to the person leading worship/preaching.

Rev. Betty Burlew will be the primary individual responsible for all pastoral care. Her primary responsibilities will be providing pastoral care for families where there is an illness or death. She'll be available for funerals, weddings and visitation with others who may request a visit. This position is very part time and Rev. Burlew will be accessible to church leaders and staff via phone 315-682-6190 (home office) or [315-729-2584](tel:315-729-2584) (cell) or e-mail contact: revbettyb@juno.com. Office hours will be posted.

In the case that Rev. Burlew is unable to provide care for certain days/weeks. Rev. Mary Guy has agreed to provide the needed care. She will be on call when Rev. Burlew is unavailable and will coordinate with her. There will be a Statement of Understanding created and signed by the SPRC, District Superintendent, and Rev. Burlew.

It's important to note that during Pastor Richelle's leave she will not have pastoral responsibilities. In cases of death and illnesses the

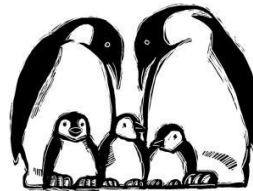
pastor providing care will be responsible for caring for that family.

There will be different preachers each week; a mix of laity from our own church and retired pastors/lay people from the area for each Sunday service. They will be responsible for leading the entire service. May and June 10am regular service and in July the 9am Garden Service. Pastor Richelle will work on a schedule to ensure each Sunday is covered and that the schedule will be left in the hands of the SPRC.

This is an exciting time in the life of Pastor Richelle and Mike, and it is important that the church respects the leave time as they welcome a new addition to their family. It's also important to know that all the details are being ironed out to ensure that the church is fully cared for during this time by gifted and dependable clergy persons. AUMC is blessed to have two retired elders who can share the sacraments and care for individuals during this time. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at (315)253-6295,

Heather Burlew Haydn
SPRC chair

United Methodist Youth Fellowship



Feed the Penguins???

Happy Spring, Youth! We've had a great March, filled with a district-wide sleep over & local mission! Special thank you, Emily, for being a part of the district team putting together events. Spring break is near. Here's what's in store for April...

April 7- "Feed the Penguins" begins.

Come see Stephanie for info.

April 14th - Youth Group Meeting/ Out door Festa!

April 27th- UpWORD! District wide event!

(...There may be one more event, I will keep all youth posted.)

Live Long & Prosper!

Thank you,

Stephanie Cator catorade221@yahoo.com



Blessings on Geri

On March 17 we celebrated Geri Jackson's 14 years of service as Administrative Assistant. Many of you know that Geri was offered a full-time position elsewhere and made the decision to resign. For many of us, Geri was more than a secretary; she was a

friend. Her presence is greatly missed in the office, but we are so thankful for the opportunity that God has opened up for her and we pray God's blessing upon her in this next part of her journey. Let us keep her and her husband, Ron, in our prayers during this time of transition.

New Administrative Assistant hired!

Please join us in welcoming Karen Deming as our new administrative assistant. Office hours are still the same M--F 9am--1pm



On March 6, we greeted our Bishop

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb met with clergy and laity in the Finger Lakes District on Wednesday, March 6, as he began his 2013 District Days. Bishop Webb met with clergy in the morning before holding a joint session with both laity and clergy in the evening. Under the theme, "The Heart of the Leader," these gatherings provide an opportunity to focus on the Conference's mission to "live the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be God's love with our neighbors in all places."

Pastor Richelle

Dear Pastor Goff and church members:

United Methodist Communications is pleased to award Auburn United Methodist Church initial certification as an official Welcoming Congregation in 2012. Because The United Methodist Church places a high value on radical hospitality as a vital ministry, we know you will want to celebrate this important achievement in your congregation by continuing to embrace newcomers and provide opportunities for discipleship through your welcoming lifestyle.

Your church is recognized with this plaque as a certified Welcoming Congregation. Your church's profile displays this designation. We encourage you to visit Find-A-Church.org to update your church information with pictures, worship times, ministry listing and a word of welcome!

To help you strengthen and maintain a dynamic welcoming ministry in your congregation and to help you extend your welcome into the community and the world, we invite you to visit umcom.org/Rethinkchurch.org.

On behalf of U M Communications, we thank you for ensuring newcomers know the people of The United Methodist Church have open hearts, open minds and open doors.

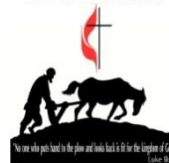
*Sincerely, Anthony M. Gooding
Welcoming Certification Program
United Methodist Communications*

Sharon Fehlman started AUMC's 'Welcoming' certification process in 2010. "Welcoming Congregations" are a select group of United Methodist congregations nationwide that meets criteria including embracing newcomers and providing opportunities in discipleship. The recognition program is part of a larger effort launched in late 2000 by U M Com, the denomination's communications agency, to use modern technology and the common language of television to spread the Good News of Christ to a world in need. As an added bonus seekers will be directed to 10thousanddoors.org that will have a link to our website.

Hand 2 Plow Initiative Congregational Survey

As part of Auburn United Methodist Church's participation in the Upper New York Annual Conference's "Hand 2 Plow" Initiative, we are challenged to develop a better understanding of our congregation's demographics so the church can better serve the needs of its members. Please take a moment to fill out the survey below **for your household** and return it as soon as possible to one of our Hand 2 Plow Committee members; Carolyn Case, Kim Dungey, Sharon Fehlman, Pastor Richelle Goff, Mary Howard, Patty Pierleoni, and Janice Sanders. Thank you.

Hand2Plow



1. People in your household (Adults are individuals age 18 or over):

Adult #1	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	Adult #2	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		<input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Age: _____		Age: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attends Regularly		<input type="checkbox"/> Attends Regularly
	<input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Attend Regularly		<input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Attend Regularly
			Relation to Adult #1 _____
Adult #3	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	Adult #4	<input type="checkbox"/> Male
	<input type="checkbox"/> Female		<input type="checkbox"/> Female
	Age: _____		Age: _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> Attends Regularly		<input type="checkbox"/> Attends Regularly
	<input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Attend Regularly		<input type="checkbox"/> Does Not Attend Regularly
	Relation to Adult #1 _____		Relation to Adult #1 _____

List genders and ages of any other adults in the household and check if they attend regularly: _____

List ages only of children in the household: _____

2. Highest educational status you have achieved:

Adult #1	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to grade 8	Adult #2	<input type="checkbox"/> Up to grade 8
	<input type="checkbox"/> Some high school		<input type="checkbox"/> Some high school
	<input type="checkbox"/> High school graduation		<input type="checkbox"/> High school graduation
	<input type="checkbox"/> Some college		<input type="checkbox"/> Some college
	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree		<input type="checkbox"/> Associate degree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree		<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree
	<input type="checkbox"/> Post graduate studies		<input type="checkbox"/> Post graduate studies

List educational status of additional adult (individuals 18 and over) in the household:

3. Type of housing:

- ☐ Single family house
- ☐ Duplex
- ☐ Apartment/condo/townhouse
- ☐ Mobile home/trailer
- ☐ Senior housing

4. How long have you lived at your current address?

- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1-4 years
- ☐ 5-14 years
- ☐ 15 years or more

5. How long does it take you to travel from your house to church?

- ☐ Less than 10 minutes
- ☐ 10-20 minutes
- ☐ 21-30 minutes
- ☐ more than 30 minutes

6. Optional: Indicate the range of your total annual family income:

- ☐ Less than \$15,000
- ☐ \$15,000-\$29,999
- ☐ \$30,000-\$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000-\$74,999
- ☐ \$75,000-\$99,999
- ☐ \$100,000 or more

7. Mark the ONE category that best describes you NOW:

Adult #1

- ☐ Admin. Support (secretary, cashier)
 - ☐ Craftsman (foreman, mechanic)
 - ☐ Manager (admin., self-employed)
 - ☐ Sales (underwriter, sales worker)
 - ☐ Professional (doctor, teacher)
 - ☐ Service (police, health worker)
 - ☐ Laborer (construction, stockman)
 - ☐ Technology, communications
 - ☐ Farming, fishing, forestry
 - ☐ Homemaker
 - ☐ Student (full-time)
 - ☐ Unemployed
 - ☐ Retired (list former occupation)
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Adult #2

- ☐ Admin. Support (secretary, cashier)
 - ☐ Craftsman (foreman, mechanic)
 - ☐ Manager (admin., self-employed)
 - ☐ Sales (underwriter, sales worker)
 - ☐ Professional (doctor, teacher)
 - ☐ Service (police, health worker)
 - ☐ Laborer (construction, stockman)
 - ☐ Technology, communications
 - ☐ Farming, fishing, forestry
 - ☐ Homemaker
 - ☐ Student (full-time)
 - ☐ Unemployed
 - ☐ Retired (list former occupation)
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List occupations of additional adults (individuals 18 and over) in the household:

8. How long have you been a Christian?

Adult #1

- ☐ Not a Christian
- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ More than 10 years

Adult #2

- ☐ Not a Christian
- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ More than 10 years

List appropriate responses for additional adults (individuals 18 and over) in the household:

9. How long have you been a member of AUMC/First UMC/Trinity UMC?

Adult #1

- ☐ Not a member
- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ More than 10 years

Adult #2

- ☐ Not a member
- ☐ Less than 1 year
- ☐ 1-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ More than 10 years

List appropriate responses for additional adults (individuals 18 and over) in the household:

10. If you have attended less than 5 years, how did you first hear about this church?

Mark only one:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertisement/newspaper/sign | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio or television program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet/church website | <input type="checkbox"/> I found it on my own |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I was invited by a friend, relation, or church member. | |

11. Mark up to THREE of the following that influenced you to attend this church:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> It's a United Methodist Church | <input type="checkbox"/> Liked the Sunday school/small groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It's a friendly church | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal visit from church member or staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> It's located near my home | <input type="checkbox"/> Activities offered for children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liked the activities in the church | <input type="checkbox"/> Common interests with members |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liked the facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Liked the worship style |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liked the pastor/staff | <input type="checkbox"/> This was/is my family's church |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attended a group here | |

12. How would you rate each of the following in this church?

(4=excellent, 3=good, 2=fair, 1=poor)

	4	3	2	1
Sunday Worship	0	0	0	0
Sunday School	0	0	0	0
Children's Ministries (Jr. Church, nursery, choir)	0	0	0	0
Youth Ministries	0	0	0	0
Women's Ministries	0	0	0	0
Men's Ministries	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	0	0	0	0
Music Ministries	0	0	0	0
Stewardship Program	0	0	0	0
Outreach and Mission	0	0	0	0
Visitation	0	0	0	0

13. How are you currently involved in the church?

Adult #1

- ☐ Serve on a committee
- ☐ Teach Sunday school
- ☐ Participate in Sunday school
- ☐ Participate in bible study
- ☐ Participate in mission
- ☐ Participate in fundraisers
- ☐ Participate in worship
 - ☐ music
 - ☐ dance
 - ☐ technical support
 - ☐ liturgist/reader
 - ☐ usher/greeter
 - ☐ communion server
 - ☐ other_____

Adult #2

- ☐ Serve on a committee
- ☐ Teach Sunday school
- ☐ Participate in Sunday school
- ☐ Participate in bible study
- ☐ Participate in mission
- ☐ Participate in fundraisers
- ☐ Participate in worship
 - ☐ music
 - ☐ dance
 - ☐ technical support
 - ☐ liturgist/reader
 - ☐ usher/greeter
 - ☐ communion server
 - ☐ other_____

List appropriate responses for additional adults (individuals 18 and over) in the household:

14. What are the strengths of this church? _____

15. What changes would you make in ministries or programs? _____

16. Are there any conflicts or problems hindering the church's progress? _____

17. What would it take to grow this church? _____

18. What do you think is the greatest need in our church community and how could the church help meet this need? _____

God's Backyard: Bible Camp Under the Sun

I'm super excited to tell you all about the Vacation Bible School plans we're making for this summer! We've purchased a Starter Kit for "God's Backyard: Bible Camp Under the Sun". It's jam packed with almost everything we need to plan and run a wonderful and successful VBS.

The focus of the week is on service; serving others, serving God, and serving our community. Each day has a different focus, a different Bible verse and story, and a different theme all centered around the idea of service. There's even a mission project for the week ...so we can put our words into action. We have materials for everyone from pre-schoolers to teens; there's even an adult companion study, "Beyond Our Backyard". The starter kit has booklets and folders with leaders guides, craft and game ideas, CDs and DVDs with awesome, upbeat, spirit filled music and messages, and great suggestions on how to work the details and what the big picture looks like.

Unfortunately, the starter kit DIDN'T come with people to help me get it done or kids to lead on the journey. That's where you come in.

Our VBS is planned for Aug. 4-9 (Sunday to Friday). It sounds like we have a ton of time, but really we need to be working on this a little bit at a time between now and then. The first step is to get people plugged into jobs for that week. There are lots of ways you can help: leading activities, providing snacks, teaching a group, organizing, advertising, and many more. It will be first- come first-serve on the jobs. If there's an area you excel in or an area you definitely don't think is for you, let me know before someone else takes your choice.

I'm talking with several other Protestant churches in town and hoping/praying their congregations will join us--not only helping to run the event but also bringing their kids to participate. It is also one of our goals to invite kids from around the community and the church's neighborhood. It would be wonderful to have a bunch of the kids we have served through the school lunch program come and see what our church is all about and get to know Jesus for themselves. But, that's a very big job for one little Coordinator of Congregational Life ...so I'm counting on all of you to help.

If you'd like to hear more about the theme for the week or would like to stake your claim to a ,prime volunteer spot you can email me, call me, text me, or find me in my office most afternoons or on Sunday morning. I can't wait to hear back from all of you so we can make "God's Backyard" a great place for our kids to come this summer. Thanks, Mary Howard

An incentive for

We know it isn't yet even summer, but Fair chairwoman Mary Beardsley says it's never too soon to "Think OLDE TYME FAIR OF 2013!"



Bob Moore will be accepting items for the OTF's Flea Market starting now. However, as always, please do not donate for sale any bowling balls, skis, clothing or TVs. These items don't sell well and we just have to dispose of them. Please have items clean and in good repair and label for Flea Market. Contact Karen Deming for your donations of antiques. We hope everyone will be thinking about our fair Oct. 5th. We always

need knitted items such as gloves, mittens afghans, aprons, dish cloths, scrubbers etc. These items can be worked on during these cold months. Any new ideas for our fair are always welcome, call Mary 252- 0778. It's early BUT, WE NEED TO KEEP OUR FAIR GOING. Just think, because of you, we cleared over \$8,000 last year!!!

Can we top that at the Olde Tyme Fair this October?

Mom's Night Out

Attention Moms! Our next Mom's Night Out is Tuesday, April 9, at 5:30 pm. We'll meet for dinner at Applebee's. Take some time out for yourself for adult conversation and laughter. We hope you can join us.

Stewardship & Generosity Corner

Our United Methodist Church calls all members and committees to be aware of how they are conscientious stewards of our many blessings. AUMC's Stewardship and Generosity Committee--John Burlew, Carolyn Case, Joe Wolczyk, Ruth Schussler, chair, first met in February. Our Statement of Purpose is to make people aware that generosity and stewardship involves thoughtful living and giving--not only of money, but time, talents, spirit, our bodies, and our world. Your Church calls all members and committees to be aware of how we are all conscientious stewards of our many blessings. We'll be writing this monthly newsletter column to encourage everyone to be better caregivers of our blessings.

April's stewardship theme aligns with Earth Day and careful use of God's natural resources and the environment. Ray and I have always been recyclers--so much so that our adult children tease us and call us "green". Having lived too close to the dump in Waterloo, we both feel that reducing, reusing, and recycling is in the best interest of everyone. We even recycle when on vacation! When we can't find a recycling center, we bring it home.

This year my class of 5th graders is collecting plastic bottle tops, which aren't accepted for recycling in Seneca County. So far we have sent 17 boxes (reused boxes) to a company that will reuse/recycle them. This is only from 15 classrooms in five months!

Having family in Virginia and Colorado, we have been surprised at how differently states treat recycling. Our daughter had to find places in Richmond to recycle, as it totally depended on where she lived, while our son and daughter-in-law have curbside pickup in Chesapeake. While visiting the western part of Colorado, finding recycling centers was difficult. Compare that to Ithaca, NY, that has recycling in malls, on the Commons, and other locations throughout the city.

Our committee has a challenge for everyone this month. Increase your stewardship of God's Earth by careful use of resources. Reduce, reuse, or recycle more than you did before. Turn off the water when you brush your teeth, take

reusable bags to stores, and recycle papers.

Along with our goal to recycle more than we throw away, Ray and I are going to remember to take the reusable bags to stores (other than the grocery stores). We also plan on using less water, and to recycle dishwater on the outdoor plants.

At the end of the month of April, send me an email (schuss@tds.net) and let me know what you did and how the experience went!

Learning and loving in God's grace,
Ruth Schussler Stewardship chair

From Finance Income and Expenses February 2013

For Feb 2013

Giving	\$13,500
Fund Raising Events	\$ 689
Rental Income	<u>\$ 710</u>
Total Income	\$14,899

Expenses:

Shared Ministries	\$ 875
Salaries	\$ 8,008
Payroll Expenses	\$ 334
Employee Benefits	\$ 1,825
Maintenance	\$ 532
Snow Plowing	\$ 1,110
Utilities	\$ 3,796
Supplies	\$ 266
Equipment Lease	\$ 429
Telephone & Cable	\$ 244
Postage	\$ 46
Insurance	\$ 747
Qualified Reimbursement	\$ 356
Prayer Shawls	\$ 100
Upper Room	\$ 64
Retirees Med Insurance	<u>\$ 270</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 19,002

I want to thank Mary Howard for organizing the dinner dance which raised \$389 and the men's club which had a pancake brunch that raised \$305. These fundraisers were used to help pay church expenses. If you have any questions concerning the finances of the church, just ask anyone on finance committee.

Richard Blafield Finance Chair

Family Fun Days

Our April Family Fun Day is scheduled for Sunday, April 21. We're planning to go swimming at the YMCA in Skaneateles at 2pm. Family Fun Days are events sponsored by the church for everyone in our church family for the purpose of fun and fellowship. They're FREE for all participants, paid for by the money we raised during our Fall fundraisers. We hope everyone can come swimming in Skaneateles on April 21.

Children's Choir News

Our Children's Choir will be singing during the worship service and collecting Hoppie's Coins for Kids on Sunday, April 21.



God's Unfailing Love Ladies' Retreat with guest leader Dr. Liz Mahoney

I cried out, "I am slipping!" but your unfailing love, O Lord, supported me. When doubts filled my mind, your comfort gave me renewed hope and cheer. {Psalm 94:18-19}

8:45 am – 3 pm Saturday, April 20, 2013 Auburn UMC

This retreat day will focus on the need for mindful self-compassion, especially for women who attempt to "be there" for everyone else in their lives, and become depleted by the many responsibilities and roles they so willingly undertake. Self-compassion and mindfulness give us the support and skills necessary to give ourselves the self-worth and self-love that is essential to our own well-being.

The day will focus on a more graceful way of moving through stress and intense emotions, which can be a part of our daily lives. In this gentle exploration, the leader will share mindfulness practices that can help you stay grounded and peaceful amid the heartaches and headaches of life. There will be inspiring talks, sharing between your table mates, special worship, and Communion. Eat a hearty lunch (served by the men!) and enjoy this day apart. Invite a friend, but be sure to **register no later than April 14** so leaders can prepare.

Bring: Your Bible, Journal or notebook, pen, Mug, \$8, Contribute a food item for lunch (from the sign-up list)
Wear comfortable, casual clothes

Give completed form to Kim Dungey, or leave at table in Narthex **by 4/14/2013**

God's Unfailing Love

Save a seat for me!

Name _____ Phone number _____

Email _____



Please Include In Your Prayers

Persons with Health Concerns: Levi & Jen, Judy Agne, Penny Austin, Joyce Bocian (Jane Smolak's daughter), Terry Cator, Carol Clement, George, Ian W. Ellis (Jean & Richard Palmers great-grandson), Betty Green, Shirley Kunkel, Vivian Lane, Dorothy & Louie Lee, Sally Leubner, Junior Lynch, Kathy Marsden, Greg Maclachlan, Dot Miller, Margaret Mosher, John Palmer, Joy Pamplun, Norene Rone, Tucker (Mary Howard's great nephew).

Condolences to family and friends of Betty Trice and to Linda English and her family on the passing of her mother.

Wish a "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to:

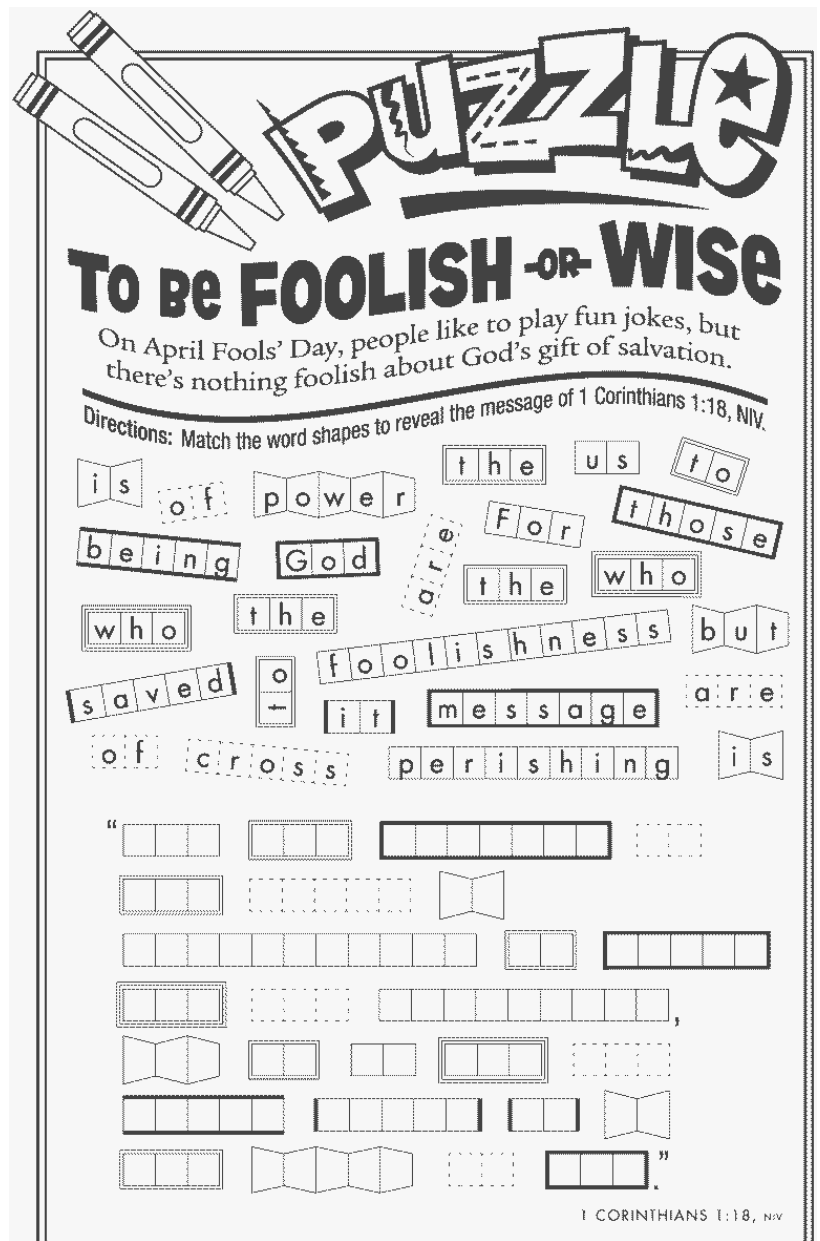
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14 Nicole Procino
16 Rob Bonilla
18 Jessica Beardsley
19 Jessica McNabb
20 Chris Bonilla
22 Jane Roof
24 Christopher Howard
24 Michael Stockmyer
28 Abigail Lisenio
28 Evelyn Rusin

Guess who was married in April:

Larry & Faye Pritchard	April 8
Charlie & Coylynn Cator	April 27
Kyle & Melissa Quick	April 11

In the military: Alex Green (Betty Green's grandson), Dylan Brooks (Carolyn Brook's grandson), Mark Walters (Mark & Yvonne Walters' son), Christopher Fehlman (Sharon Fehlman's grandson).

Our Homebound: Kay Catchpole, Betty Dean, Bernie Dickinson, Pauline Evans, Anita Fuller, George & Lillian Holmes, Adam Hull, Irene Kimari, Don Kober, Dot Nelson, Alice Rust, Linda Shepard, Lucille Slater, Betty Staub, Charlotte Taylor, Billy Townsend.



Answer: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." 1 Corinthians 1:18, NIV

April 2013

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Lunch Break	2 Lunch Break 7pm Finance 7:30 Bell choir	3 Lunch Break 10:30am Prayer Group 7:30 Choir	4 Lunch Break	5 Lunch Break	6
7 Communion 10am Worship 11:15 Sunday School 12:05 Inspire Dance	8 7pm SPRC	9 5:30pm Mom's night Out @ Applebees 730 Bell Choir	10 10:30am Prayer Group 7:00 Faith Formation 700: Trustees 7:30 Choir	11	12	13 Hand to Plow Laity Chicken Barbeque for Camperships
14 10am Worship 11:15 Sunday School 11:45 Baby Shower 12:00 UMYF Community Cafe	15 UMM Deadline 6:30 Outreach 6:30 Stewardship	16 730 Bell Choir	17 10:30am Prayer Group 7:30 Choir	18 11:30-5 Bloodmobile	19	20 8:45-3pm Women's Retreat 10:30 Soup Kitchen
21 10 Worship Kids choir/ Hoppies Cfk 11:15 Sunday School 12:05 Inspire Dance 2 Family fun Day swim	22	23 7pm Ad Board 730 Bell Choir	24 10:30am Prayer Group 7:30 Choir	25	26 UMYF "Upward"	27 UMYF "Upward" 8:30am Men's Communion Breakfast
28 10am Worship 11:15 Sunday School 12:05 Inspire Dance	29	30 7:30 Bell Choir				

Vision Statement

We will become One in Jesus Christ (John 17:20-26)

One Mind – We will faithfully follow God when we grow in our faith by learning abundant life lessons from Jesus Our Master Teacher. (1 Cor. 1:10)

One Soul - We will compassionately serve God when we serve others in the name and the manner of Jesus. (Matt. 25:34-40, John 13:1-17)

One Heart – We will fully worship God whenever and wherever we gather to sing, pray, offer the sacraments, share scriptures and heart-felt messages to glorify God and strengthen the Body of Christ. (Acts 2:42-47)

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