

We Gather for Worship

Sunday, March 26, 2017, 10:30 a.m. Fourth Sunday in Lent; Mission Bank; UMCOR Offering

The season of Lent asks us to reflect on our common life in church and society from the perspective of our baptismal covenant and to repent of our failure to live up to it, "since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

At the asterisk (*), all who are able are invited to stand.

LIFE IN THE CHURCH

Large-print bulletins and hymnals are available from the greeters. Please pass the Fellowship Folders to those seated next to you.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 2:5

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you." "And also with you."

* PRAISING GOD WITH SONG

PRESENTATION OF PRAYER BOX BY THE CHILDREN SILENT PRAYER; OPENING PRAYER; THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come,

thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

TIME FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

MISSION BANK SUNDAY

(Afterwards, kids age 3 through grade 5 are welcome to go to J4J.)

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We Hear God's Word

ANTHEM, "Lord, Light a Flame In My Heart"

Chancel Choir

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God: Tell us what we need to hear,

and show us what we need to do to follow in the way of life. Amen.

SCRIPTURES

First Lesson, Ephesians 5:8-14

The Gospel, John 9:1-7

Pew Bible, p. 1019

Pew Bible, p. 932

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 451, "Be Thou My Vision"

MESSAGE, "The Light of the World"

* HYMN OF RESPONSE "Walk in the Light" (insert)

We Respond with Thanksgiving

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God: We confess that we have often failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love. We have not

loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray, and free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS
OFFERTORY

* SONG OF PRAISE (Doxology) from Hymn 296 Unto God be praise and glory; to the Father and the Son, to th'eternal Spirit honor now and evermore be done; praise and glory in the highest, while unending ages run.

- * PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
- * PARTING HYMN 664, "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"
- * BLESSING
- * POSTLUDE

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Thanks to Janet Clingerman for sharing her message of faith.

Please keep the following people in your prayers during the coming week: Connie VanNorstrand; Duane VanNorstrand, Kayla, Mason; Randy & Arlene VanNorstrand.

Today, we will receive our monthly Mission Bank offering. This offering helps support the work of our missionary: Dr. Mark Zimmerman, serving at Patan Hospital in Kathmandu, Nepal.

UMCOR Sunday (Formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) Special Offering is today- Whenever there is a natural disaster or famine, UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) missionaries & volunteers respond immediately. Their work is a direct result of the

UMCOR Special Offering, which supports the operating expenses of those who bring healing and help in our name. This offering makes it possible, when we respond to an emergency like Hurricane Sandy, to know that 100% of our gift goes directly to where the suffering is happening. And we're in it for the long haul! Long after the initial crisis is passed, the United Methodist Church is still there, helping people rebuild lives, offering physical and spiritual support. Please support the UMCOR this morning. Please use the offering envelopes provided in your bulletin, or mail your contribution directly to the church office: PO Box 369, North Rose, NY 14516. You can also find more information and give on-line at: http://www.umcgiving.org/ministry-articles/one-great-hour-of-sharing. Thank you!

The carillon will play on March 26, in memory of Stanley & Florence Hance.

Rev. Anne Canfield has been appointed as our new pastor, effective July 1. Rev. Anne grew up not far from the ocean in New Jersey. After graduating from the University of Delaware and Harvard Seminary she chose to be ordained as a Methodist minister. She is experienced in working with all age groups. For the past 17 years she has served the Waverly United Methodist Church. You can find the complete introductory letter about Pastor Anne in the back of the sanctuary and downstairs on the information tables.

Easter Flowers: Every year many beautiful Memorial Plants grace the Sanctuary of the Church at Easter time. This year, Easter is on <u>April 16</u>. If you wish to donate a plant to the Church, it will, of course, serve a three-fold purpose: honor the memory of a loved one, make the Sanctuary very attractive during worship service, and adorn your home

in the days following Easter. For those who wish, we also welcome donations in memory or honor of someone at Easter, without the purchase of a plant. These memorial gifts will also be included in the list of Easter memorials. These donations (any amount of your choosing) will support the ministries of our church. Please use the order form which can be found in the back of the sanctuary or downstairs on the information tables, and return it to the church office (or Melissa Taber's mail folder). **Orders with payment are due by Monday, April 3**. Thank you!

The **Palm Sunday Cantata** will be held Sun. April 9 at 4:00 p.m. at Faith UMC (12223 Oswego St., Wolcott) and at 7:00 p.m. here at North Rose UMC. "Come Walk With Me" is this year's theme. Please invite your family and friends to join us, as we remember Jesus' ministry, death, and resurrection through music.

SAVE THE DATE! Volunteers are needed for our Spring Route 414 Clean-Up! The <u>tentative date is Saturday, April 8.</u> We will meet at the church at 8:00 am. Team members will receive job training, orange safety vests & litter bags. Bring your own gloves. Clean-up is usually complete by 10:00 am. Volunteers may call Mark Anthony (587-2633) with any questions.

Today – 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

<u>Monday</u> – <u>7:00 p.m</u>. Adult Spiritual Quest

Thursday - 6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir

7:30 p.m. Cantata Rehearsal

Saturday - 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Private Party (fellowship hall)

Sun. April 2 – Fifth Sunday in Lent; Holy Communion

9:15 a.m. Adult/Youth Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship: "When Hope Is Lost"

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Romans 8:6-11

J4J Sunday School

11:30 a.m. Fellowship Time

Mon. April 3 – Easter Flower Order Deadline; Pies for Fire Dept.

Worship Team (tentative)

7:00 p.m. Adult Spiritual Quest

<u>Tues. April 4</u> –<u>1:00-4:00 p.m.</u> Cards & Games

?<u>6:30 p.m.</u> Trustees

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Pastor: The Rev. Rich Neal Assistant Pastor: The Rev. Diane Walker

Secretary: Mary Anjo
Office Assistant: Melissa Taber

Accompanist: Kim Dobbin Organist: Jan McDorman

Chancel & Bell Choir Director: Lucy Smith Winter/J4J Choir Director: Lucinda Collier

Organist Emerita: Lorraine Wilson Praise Music: Ken & Kim Dobbin

Head Usher: Allan Mitchell Greeter: Shirley Barnes

Announcements: Mary Anjo Lay Reader: Edie Bradley

Sound: Position vacant Projection: Position vacant

Child/Youth Support: Roxie Walker Custodian: Lois Loveless

Visiting Ministry Coordinator: Ann Stevens Counters: Donna Collins, Chris Galek

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For pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Diane Walker by cell phone, 315-573-5444.

\$2,504.00 Last Sunday's receipts for our operating budget

\$3,611.21 Average weekly receipts needed

78 Last Sunday's attendance

Our church web site is http://www.NorthRoseNYMethodist.com