



The Reporter

Pastor's Note

Pastor Marti

FALL IS IN THE AIR

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes to the Hills...." Psalm 121:2

I can't wait til fall! Summer lasts til September 21st -- and with global climate change, it'll feel like it...but if the hills surrounding our city are this gorgeous in summer, I can't wait to behold their beauty as the trees begin to don their fall colors of orange, gold, and red.

Fall has always been my favorite season. I love the crispness of the air, the excitement of school starting, sharpened pencils, clean notebooks, the promise of learning something new. When my older brother and sister went off to school their first day, before I was old enough to go, my mom recalled me standing at the screen door most of the day, looking across the street to our little elementary school on Smith Clove Road in Central Valley, New York with longing in my big brown eyes. I've never lost that feeling of anticipation and hope for the fall.

This September we'll enjoy a five week series, "A Season of Creation", September 2—30 (see related article on page 2). Many people of faith around the world will be celebrating with us as we lift up our hearts in prayer and song, celebrating the beauty of God's creation, and confronting the challenge of the global environmental crisis. By advocating for Creation, we will continue to fulfill our mission "to do justice, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8)". Without prayer and song, global climate change threatens to overwhelm us and we may be tempted to despair. I have convened a small group to design the 10 am Sunday service, and a different group for the Gathering which begins on September 9th at 5 pm. Please let me know if you want to help!

Please prayerfully read the Environmental Pledge included in this issue of the *Reporter*. Together we aim to make a difference!

Your sister in Christ,
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Fall Schedule Begins September 9

Sunday, September 9th is our "Welcome Back" Sunday as we resume our fall schedule. It is also "Blessing of the Backpacks" Sunday! Bring your backpacks, briefcases, laptops to church and have them blessed for the new school year. Sunday schedules are as follows:

8:45 am Issues Class in the Albright (Art) Room-adults and older youth
10:00 am Worship in the Sanctuary

Children are dismissed following the sermon to Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship Time
3:30 pm Crossfire Band rehearsal
5:00 pm The Gathering Worship
6:00 pm Light Snack
6:15 pm Sunday School for
5th-6th grade class
7th-8th grade class-Confirmation

Don't Forget To Bring
Your Backpack
on September 9!



Worship Themes for September

Our Season of Creation began on September 2 with “Planting Sunday: Good Beginnings”. Holy Communion will be celebrated. Readings: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; and Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23.

September 9th: Welcome to our fall schedule! The 8:30 a.m. service ends til next summer; we’ll offer one morning service on Sundays at 10 a.m.; and our contemporary service, “the Gathering”, begins at 5 p.m. on Sundays. Come to either or both as we continue our Season of Creation! Today is “*Mountain Sunday: Protection and Care*”. To prepare, please read: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, 14-17; and Mark 7:24-37.

September 16th: “*Sky Sunday: Dominion and Exploitation*”. God is closer than the air we breathe: but how is that air? Cleaner than it was years ago, but still needing our care. Today we will lift up our Environmental Pledge as a congregation (see related article in this issue). Please read: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; and Mark 8:27-38.

September 23rd: “*Harvest Sunday: Trees and Fruits*”. Don’t you just love biting into a crisp fall apple? How about a nice succulent pumpkin pie? We rejoice in the bounty of the earth. Readings for this week are: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; and Mark 9:30-37.

September 30th: “*Blessing All Creatures: Bring It!*” At morning and evening services, we’ll bless our animal friends in the courtyard. “Blessing of the Animals” is an ancient tradition that we love to celebrate at First UMC. To prepare, please read: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; and Mark 9:38-50.

The Gathering Sunday Evening Ministry

 Our Sunday evening worship service “The Gathering” resumes on **September 9** with a few changes. Instead of a fellowship meal there will be a brief time for a healthy snack between the service and the church school time. Worship begins at 5:00 p.m. with our wonderful praise band Crossfire leading the music. Until we establish a tech team for projection we will have a brief printed order of worship with words to songs, announcements and prayer concerns listed. Snack time is from 6-6:15 with church school and confirmation class following, usually ending by 7:00 p.m. There are sign up sheets on the clip board for **lay readers** to read scripture passages and responsive readings and dates for congregation members to sign up to **provide the snack** each week will help the worship team ensure the service will run smoothly. We also will be welcoming new members (YEA!) on September 9. Spread the word about this great service and we’ll watch the congregation grow!

Sunday School Teachers and Subs Needed

 If you have an interest in working with our Sunday School teams, we want to know! Most of our classes for elementary school and youth work in teams, so you won’t be alone. The curriculum we have been using is fun for the kids and that makes it fun for the teachers as well. We are looking for men, women, and older youth that would be willing to take a block of time, teach full time, or be substitutes. Please consider this important ministry to our young members. Contact Pastor Marti or the church office and we will be delighted to answer questions and show you sample curriculum lesson plans. Sunday School begins September 9.

The Confirmation Journey — Credo (I Believe) Class

 Our Confirmation Class will have its first gathering on **Sunday, September 9** starting at 6:15 p.m. following the evening snack after the Gathering worship. All 7th and 8th graders or any youth who wishes to join the church are welcome. We encourage parents and guardians to attend with their youth as we are all on this wondrous journey of faith together. If you can’t make it but plan on being part of the awesome confirmation experience, contact the church office and let us know.

Issues Class Offerings for Fall

Margaret Parish



Issues Class: Starting Sunday September 9, Issues Class (adult Sunday School) will start a video series led by John Dominic Crossan entitled The Challenge Paul. This is a 4-part series that sheds new light on Paul and why he is more relevant than ever today. During Advent we will discuss a series for those who hate to wait from Darkwood Brew titled Wait Training. The series explores what the Bible can teach us about waiting, and why is it important for Christian faith, particularly as you prepare for new life.

“Worship: Changing to Reach a New Generation”

Rev. Dr. Dana K. Horrell (Pastor Marti’s spouse) will be offering a four week class during September on the changing face of worship. Here’s a chance to learn together and talk about how the church across the nation is responding to our changing world. Rev. Dana holds the Ph. D in Practical Theology from the University of Chicago, and has taught many courses over the years on cutting edge topics in the interface between faith and our contemporary world. He’s co-editor of *The Parish Paper* (www.theparishpaper.com) and Executive Director of Faithful Citizen (www.faithfulcitizen.net) as well as pastor of South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

The class on worship will be offered on **Wednesdays from 6 – 7:30 pm September 5th, 12th, 19th, and Thursday the 27th**. (Choir members are free to leave a little early to get to rehearsal.) Please email or call the church office to register so we may be prepared. Topics to be covered (subject to change as the course develops):

September 5th: The need for change and diversity; read article “Why Does Worship Never Change?”; Case study: Ginghamburg UMC, Tipton, Ohio.

September 12th: What is contemporary worship? Read article from The Parish Paper. Case studies: Jordan UMC, Jordan, New York.

September 19th: Worship using teams; organizing a new service. Read Wilson and Moore: *Taking Flight with Creativity* as well as articles by Marcia McFee. Case study: Christ Church UM, Troy, New York.

September 27th: Multicultural worship and Oneonta demographics; class presentation from Mission Insite; case studies: Brown Memorial UMC, Syracuse; Emmaus UMC; Albany.

Safe Sanctuaries Training



Important! Safe Sanctuaries Training - September 16. From 12:30 - 3:30 we will have a Safe Sanctuaries Training in Fellowship Hall. This is a required program for United Methodist Churches. It is especially important for anyone working with children, the elderly, and other vulnerable populations. This information is valuable for all persons and we encourage you to become informed. Mark your calendars and RSVP to the church office. A sandwich lunch will be provided following the morning service for those who are staying.

Safe Sanctuaries is an overt expression in making congregations safe places where children, youth, and elders may experience the abiding love of God and fellowship within the community of faith.

Each Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church has a written and accessible Safe Sanctuaries policy. These policies stress the importance of the Biblical mandate from Matthew 19:14, *Allow the children to come to me, don’t forbid them, because the kingdom of heaven belongs to people like these children.* (Common English Bible)

Training is required for all persons having direct contact with children, youth, and vulnerable adults in all activities connected with local congregations. Those who are willing to help in any FUMC ministry with these groups need to attend a training here. The minimum standard of training shall include information about the Safe Sanctuaries Policy; training in the supervision of children, youth, and vulnerable adults; and training in the identification and reporting of abuse.

Music Notes

John Jurgensen, Director of Music Ministries



“Look! I’m doing a new thing; now it sprouts up...” *Isaiah 43:19 (CEB)*

It’s that time of year again when we’re starting to think about our schedules. Let’s do some new things! If you play an instrument, we’d like to know. You don’t have to be a soloist. I’d like to try out some ensembles this year, small or large. Even if you haven’t played your instrument in years, it shouldn’t take too long to get your chops back. Any youth out there willing to help put together a small vocal ensemble? Let me know!

Below are descriptions of our current groups with start dates. All groups are open to the general community regardless of religious affiliation.

♪ **Sanctuary Choir** sings nearly every Sunday morning and is open to anyone from middle school on up. Ability to read music is not a requirement. If you can carry a tune, come on out! We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7:15-8:30 pm. We rehearse several anthems weekly, so missing rehearsals here and there isn’t a problem. Sunday early birds meet at 9:00 am and complete run through at 9:30 am. If you can’t make a year-round commitment, come and join us when you can. Extra tutoring is available as well. Start date Sept. 5.

♪ **Klipnocky Klangers** is typically made up of young people from grades 7-12, with adults filling in as needed. They meet Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30 pm. We are in need of more youth! Start date Sept. 11.

♪ **Asbury Ringers** is open to grades 3-6 (grade 2 on probationary basis) and meet Wednesday afternoons from 3:30-3:55. After school snack is provided and transportation may be available. This group is our feeder group for Klangers. This year we had two ringers age out, so we need some replacements. Start date Sept. 12.

♪ **Buckingham Ringers** is our adult group which meets Wednesday mornings 9:00-10:45 am. We ring a wide range of music. Start date Sept. 12.

♪ **Paradis Ringers** is our small ensemble group of ringers meeting Wednesday mornings 11:00-Noon. Ability to read music and possessing advanced ringing skills are necessary. Start date Sept. 12.

♪ **Change Ringers** have been on hiatus for several years, but I’d like to get this going again. Our “music” is not the usual written form we’re accustomed to. Our music comes from the various changes of order of bells. It’s basically mathematical formulae, though you don’t need to really know any advanced mathematics. It’s all counting. Start date TBD.

♪ **Crossfire Praise Band**—Sundays at 3:30 ;.m. in the sanctuary—by audition



Small Group Opportunities at 1st UMC

▶ **Issues Class:** Meets Sunday mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the Art Room. Video presentations and discussion on diverse topics (see article p. 3 for current topic).

▶ **Lectio Divina**—Thursdays at 12:00 pm in the Dauley Room (**begins September 7**). This group meets to reflect on the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. The passage is read three times, reflected upon and spoken to as one feels moved. The context to the scripture is also presented. Contact Margaret Parish for details (mparish@yahoo.com or 435-4001).

▶ **United Methodist Women’s Book Group**—2nd and 4th Thursdays from 10 am-noon (see p. 9).

▶ **Bereavement Group:** A support group for anyone going through the loss of a loved one (partner, family, friend. Open to people of all faiths. Meets the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. Sponsored by First UMC Oneonta but held off-site. Please call the church office for details if interested. (432-4102)

▶ Musical Small Groups:

Sanctuary Choir—Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Music Room (downstairs)

Klipnocky Klangers Teen Handbell Choir—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Buckingham Ringers Adult Handbell Choir—Wednesdays at 9:00 am

Asbury Ringers Children Handbell Choir—Wednesdays at 3:30 pm

Paradis Ringers Adult Ensemble—Wednesdays at 11:00 am—by audition

Crossfire Praise Band—Sundays at 3:30 pm in the Sanctuary—by audition

Fall Art Class Courses at 1st UMC

Phil Young, Art Ministry Coordinator

Classes meet from 10:00 a.m.—noon on Wednesdays in the Albright (Art) Room downstairs. Monthly fees for most classes is \$30.00 inclusive of materials (note some modifications, due to additional meeting days or special materials). Payment due at registration. Class size is normally limited to 12 on a first come/first serve basis. Scholarship assistance is available through the Grace Seifert Memorial Art Fund. For application, contact Phil Young (607.433.1169) or Angela Eardley (607.434.2435). To register call the church office, 607-432-4102, and leave your name and contact information – phone number and email address (if you have one).

September 5, 12, 19, 26 “Linoleum Block Printing” with Andrea House



Hand-carved stamps can be put to many creative uses. In this four session workshop series we'll explore carving and using stamps with a variety of inks, markers, and embossing powders, to create patterns as well as natural imagery. After an introduction to different materials and techniques, students will create their own stamped designs on fabric, note cards, or other creative projects. Class Limit: 10

October 3, 10, 17, 24 “Watercolor for All” with Barbara Ardan



We will practice basic watercolor techniques, composition and color relationships. We will also challenge the conventional rectangular format by using alternative shapes (triangle, circle, envelope). Hand writing/poetry may be included. After the first class students may bring photographs for a starting point of a painting. Class Limit: 10

November 7, 14, 21 "Traditional Key Basket" with Martha Bremer



Find your keys! This class will be making the traditional key basket. A wall basket using round and flat rattan is woven on a two piece key frame. A great place to keep your keys, mail or anything you need to have close at hand and organized. . All materials and tools will be provided. Please bring a towel to help with water clean up. Class Limit: 10



December 5, 13, 19 "Double Wine Basket" with Martha Bremer

It's gift giving time! We will be weaving a double wine basket using dyed and natural rattan. Fill this basket with wine or a bottled beverage and give as a great gift this season. No experience necessary. All tools will be provided. Please bring a towel for water clean-up. Class Limit: 10

Battery Recycling Opportunity!



Friday, **September 7** is the deadline to bring your dead household batteries to the church office. Gail Niles will transport all that we can collect to the Otsego County Toxic Waste Day on **Saturday, September 8**. Thanks for doing your part in keeping one more thing out of our landfill!

Pet Supplies Needed



Superheros in Jeans, the pet rescue mission, needs several items - empty pill bottles (labels and contents removed), old towels you no longer need, and pet carriers of all sizes. If you can help, please call Angela Eardley at 434-2435.

Church Rummage & Bake Sale
Thursday, September 27 9 AM — 6 PM
Friday, September 28 9 AM — 1 PM



Our Fall Rummage Sale helps not only the community with clothes and goods at low prices, but YOU benefit by cleaning out your closets and cupboards of unused items and the CHURCH benefits by the profits generated! True recycling! You may bring your donations to the stage in Fellowship Hall. **Please only bring in clothing and household goods that are usable and in working order.** If clothing is ripped or stained, or appliances don't work, we just have to dispose of the items which fills up the church dumpster. Thank you for your cooperation!



The **Bake Sale is only on Thursday.** Cookies, breads, cookie bars, brownies, pies, muffins and cupcakes are the best sellers. Bring your goodies to the kitchen either on Wednesday or before 9 AM on Thursday morning.

Volunteers are needed on set-up days, September 24, 25 & 26 from 9 AM until ? We appreciate any time that fits into your schedules—one hour or all day. On Thursday, September 27, help is needed in 3 hour shifts: 9-12, 12-3, or 3-6. On Friday, clean-up help is needed from 1-2 or 2:30, depending on the size of the crew. Men are warmly welcome to help with set-up, sale days and clean-up. Many hands make light work any time. Call the church office to volunteer—or say YES if a member of the “rummage committee” calls you!

Book Sale



Reconciling Ministries will again be sponsoring the “Noble Books From Barns” Sale in conjunction with the Rummage Sale. Bring your donations to the stage along with the other goods. **PLEASE, no textbooks, encyclopedias, or Reader's Digest Condensed Books!** Books on tape, DVD's and Videos are also welcome. Children's books are especially popular. Profits from the book sale will go to support Reconciling Ministries here at 1st UMC.

Labels for Red Bird Mission

Kay Cronk



A package containing \$59.10 worth of General Mills Box Tops for Education labels was recently mailed to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. Added to donations by churches and organizations across the country, labels will be redeemed by the Red Bird Mission K-12 School for educational materials and equipment to support the school's program.

Our church sent mission teams to Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY during the 1990's, and many youth and adults were members of the work teams that participated. On a much smaller scale, we have continued since then to contribute to Red Bird's mission to educate children in that area of Appalachia through our label collections..

Everyone is invited to join this on-going mission project - all you have to do is save the Box Tops for Education labels from the many General Mills products and drop them off at the Church office. I will collect, trim, count, package and mail them to Red Bird Mission two times a year - summer and winter. Look for the labels on Betty Crocker, Gold Medal, Green Giant, Pillsbury, Avery Office Supplies, Zip Loc, Cottonelle, Kleenex, Huggies, Yoplait Yogurt, General Mills cereals - and more. **Note: Labels with expired dates are not redeemable!**



Environmental Pledge Draft

“All creation is the Lord’s, and we are responsible for the ways in which we use and abuse it. Water, air, soil, minerals, energy resources, plants, animal life, and space are to be valued and conserved because they are God’s creation and not solely because they are useful to human beings.”

— United Methodist Social Principles, ¶160

ENVIRONMENTAL PLEDGE

We, the members of First United Methodist Church, Oneonta, hereby pledge to make it a priority to educate ourselves about environmental issues and to do our part to promote climate justice.

We will strive to be a zero-waste congregation: to reduce waste going to landfills by careful purchasing decisions, by promoting reuse, and by recycling and composting.

We pledge to avoid use of toxins, to conserve energy, and to work with and encourage our faith partners and neighbors to be good stewards of creation.

We will review this pledge and our adherence thereto biannually.

We will educate others who use our facilities about, and expect them to abide by, this pledge.

GUIDELINES*:

In order to practice waste prevention throughout the church building, we will:

- ◆ Purchase only what is needed
- ◆ Purchase the least amount possible in a fiscally responsible manner
- ◆ Purchase items that are available in the most sustainable form, with no or minimal packaging
- ◆ Purchase products manufactured partially or completely from sustainable or recyclable materials whenever possible
- ◆ Plan for reuse if at all possible; donate or recycle what will never be used
- ◆ Ensure that printed items have narrow margins and/or are double-sided; use electronic sharing when possible to reduce copying; whiteboards or easels can be used for meeting agendas
- ◆ Use recycling receptacles for paper, plastic, glass and metal in every room that needs them

In the kitchen, we will:

- ◆ Serve healthy food from minimally packaged local, fair-trade, and organic sources when possible
- ◆ Serve and eat food with reusable dinnerware and cutlery or, when not possible, disposables
- ◆ Eliminate individual throwaway/recyclable bottles and plastic-coated paper cups, and will serve water in reusable glassware or, when that is not possible, in recyclable plastic cups
- ◆ Donate excess/leftover food as permitted by local law, packaging leftovers in nontoxic compostable disposables and/or reusable food containers
- ◆ Compost food waste

In order to reduce the use of toxins, we will:

- ◆ Use non-toxic cleaning agents
- ◆ Purchase unbleached paper products, made from post-consumer recycled content when possible

In order to conserve energy use and reduce our carbon footprint, we will:

- ◆ Use lighting appropriately, aiming to reduce usage when unnecessary
- ◆ Turn computers and all other electrical equipment off when not in use overnight and days off
- ◆ Align with best building energy conservation practices

MEMBERSHIPS:

Alongside the United Methodist Bishops, we will “make common cause with religious leaders and people of goodwill worldwide who share these concerns. We will connect and collaborate with ecumenical and interreligious partners and with community and faith organizations so that we may strengthen our common efforts.”

To this end, we will maintain membership in New York State Interfaith Power & Light and will align with other faith communities’ environmental justice efforts as we strive to be a blessing to God’s Creation.

Environmental Covenant Draft

We, the members and friends of First United Methodist Church of Oneonta, New York, celebrate our knowledge that the earth is a sacred gift from God.

We proclaim our experience of God as the Creator who has entrusted the earth to us to nurture and respect.

We have committed ourselves to doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God.

We embrace our call to address the challenges of our own time and place.

In the tradition of our brother John Wesley, who preached, “The gospel of Christ knows of no religion, but social. No holiness but social holiness,” *we understand that through social holiness we make ourselves channels of God’s blessing in the world. Because God’s blessing extends to all of creation, we speak today of “environmental holiness” as well.* (1)

In the tradition of our brother Jesus of Nazareth, who beckons us to do his Father’s will,

And in the tradition of our God Yahweh, who established covenants with Noah, with Abraham and Sarah, and with Moses, we too make this covenant with God and one another:

Recognizing humankind’s failure to serve as caretakers of God’s creation, we understand that ecological crises reflect the struggle to live in right relationship with the created world.

We regret that too often we have treated creation as a resource for humankind’s use, but we rejoice that God’s vision of shalom invites all of creation to know wholeness and harmony. (2)

Therefore, we pledge to be *an example of reconciliation between God, humankind and creation through acts of personal, social and civic righteousness*, modeling a lifestyle of environmental consciousness and sustainability, and *advocating for God’s people and God’s planet so that all God’s children can share in the goodness of Creation.* (2)

(1) *God’s Renewed Creation: Call to Hope and Action*, the Pastoral Letter of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, 2009

(2) ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE-What We Care About, General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, 2017

Commission on A Way Forward

Following the 2016 General Conference, the Commission on a Way Forward was formed to deliberate and help the General Conference address the issue of sexuality in The United Methodist Church. The Commission was made up of 32 individuals, including eight bishops, 13 other clergy members, and 11 lay members. They will present a report during a Special Session of the 2019 General Conference, which will be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. To learn more about the mission, vision, and scope Google *Commission on a Way Forward*.

This fall, Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb is hosting six gatherings around the Conference in preparation for Special Session of General Conference to talk about the report of the Commission on a Way Forward for The United Methodist Church. The session closest to us will be held on **November 11** at the **Chenango Bridge UMC**. We can take the church van if enough people are interested or set up car pools.

The agenda is 1) Presentation of the plan and process of General Conference 2) Remembering our Mission, and 3) Worship and prayer

Discrimination Matters—A NAACP First Friday Film Series

“Discrimination Matters” is the title of a 2018-2019 monthly film series being presented by the Oneonta area branch of the NAACP. The focus is on groups that have suffered from discriminatory practices in American society. The series is patterned on the previous year’s successful series entitled “Race Matters” at the Southside Mall which was co-sponsored with the Oneonta City Human Rights Commission. As with that series, community leaders and educators will introduce and lead discussions after the films. The films will be shown in the **Waterfront Room in Hunt Union** on the SUNY Oneonta campus on the **first Fridays of each month** from September through May at **7:00 pm**. Each film will be followed by a time of discussion. The series is free and open to the public. Light snacks/sandwiches are available at the café in Hunt Union or you may bring your own.



The schedule is as follows:

Friday, September 7: The Great Debaters – 2007 – rated PG13 – 126 minutes. Directed by and starring Denzel Washington, this biographical drama describes how a 1935 black college debate team challenged Harvard debaters when stereotypes of white intellectual superiority went unchallenged. The film and the series will be briefly introduced by Oneonta NAACP President *Lee Fisher* with *Oneonta Job Corps* students facilitating the discussion afterwards.

Friday, October 5th -- Smoke Signals

1998 -- PG-13 (89 min) -- A humorous, yet serious feature film written, directed, and created by an almost exclusively Native American cast. Is it really “a good day to be indigenous,” as stated within this very entertaining tale? Questions about homogenized stereotypes and contemporary realities raised within the film will be discussed with Hartwick College emeriti professors *Robert Bensen* and *Phil Young*.

Friday, November 2nd -- The People v Leo Frank

2009 - EDU (85 min) -- The true story of an Atlanta Jew who was hastily convicted and then lynched for the murder of a 13 year old girl. This famous court case early in the 20th century raises historical questions about anti-Semitism in America today. *Ken Sider*, an area educator and President of Temple Beth-El in Oneonta, will introduce the film and lead a follow up discussion.

Additional films in this series will include:

Friday, December 7th -- *Rent (homophobia)*

Friday, January 4th -- *Loving (interracial marriages)*

Friday, February 1st -- *The Reluctant Fundamentalist (Islamophobia)*

Friday, March 1st -- *A Fantastic Woman (Transgender issues)*

Friday, April 5th -- *North Country (women as laborers)*

Friday, May 3rd -- *Summer in the Cage (mental illnesses/suicides)*

For more details as they are available, go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/discrimination-matters-naacp-first-friday-film-series-tickets-49186473065?aff=es2>

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Our PURPOSE

The Purpose is adopted by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church as the official mission statement of United Methodist Women.

“United Methodist Women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.” Out of the Purpose are four mission foci that relate to the mission initiatives and priorities of United Methodist Women.

- * To be a community of women
- * To know God
- * To develop a creative and supportive fellowship
- * To expand concepts of mission.

At 1st UMC, we encourage you to sign up for a group project such as our Rummage Sale and Bazaar. You will get to know many wonderful, supportive women whose devotion to mission is evidenced by their actions.

United Methodist Women's Book Group

 Our next book group meeting is on September 13th, 10 AM at the home of Lucy Ingalls'. We have been reading **America's First Daughter** by Stephanie Dray. This fascinating historical novel tells of the life of Martha “Patsy” Jefferson, the daughter of Thomas Jefferson. We will not be meeting again in September but will be meeting again on October 4, 11 and 25. Please join us for our great discussions and fellowship. Contact Sharry Strait-Carey at 434-5234 or with any questions. All are welcome!

Holiday Bazaar — November 17



Bazaar! - Fall is on the way and our United Methodist Women's Bazaar is coming right up on November 17. It's time to start planning (and creating) a craft item or putting up jams, jellies and preserves, It's also fun to get together with a friend or two and work on a project together. If you would like to lead a workshop on a favorite project, let the office know and we can put a notice in the bulletin announcing what you plan to do with the date and time for interested folks to join in!

~ Caring and Sharing ~

*Our prayers for comfort and healing to those that have been hospitalized or ill at home or are recovering or continuing in treatment. **Please remember that if you or a member of your family is hospitalized, it is necessary for you to contact the church if you wish a visit or listing on our prayer lists as that information is not readily (or legally) shared by health care institutions.***

IN SYMPATHY:

We offer our love and sympathy to the families of those who have died since the last newsletter:

To the family of *Jim Krager* who died on July 3. Jim was the Director Emeritus at the Sky Lake Camp and Retreat center for 45 years.

To the family of *Richard Collins* who died on July 14. Our sympathy is extended to his son, Richard L. Collins and his wife Jeanie, their children and grandchildren.

To the family of *Phil Bresee* who died on July 24. Our sympathy is extended to his children, *Mark, Nancy and Dianne* and their families.

To the family of *Leird Pierce* on August 5. We extend our sympathy to his son *John* and his family.

To *Jack & Bunnie Hand* on the death of family member *Constance Gallup* on August 7.

To the immediate family of *Jo Terwilliger*: her son and daughter-in-law *Robert & Kelley Scarzafava*; brothers *John, Jeff and Rick*; sisters *Pam, Deb and Paula*; and her many nieces and nephews. Jo was the Supervisor of Saturday's bread and will be greatly missed by both the volunteers and guests.

To *Nancy Baldwin* and her children *Ann, Amy, and Stuart* on the death of husband and father, *Rev. Ken Baldwin* on August 27. Nancy and Ken were a part of our church family for many years before moving to Fairport to be closer to their family.

WEDDING

Congratulations to Chris LeBeau and Matt Gibbs on their marriage on June 30 in Chicago. Chris is the son of *Bev LeBeau*.

BAPTISM

Audrey Vivian Kinnick, daughter of *Roselyn & Chris Kinnick* was baptized on July 15. Audrey is the granddaughter of *Eric & Ginny Wilson*.

NEW BABY!

Congratulations to Glen Sawyer and Kim Eardley-Sawyer on the birth of a daughter, *Jovienne Gracie* on August 30. Pleased as punch grandparents are *Bill & Angela Eardley* and aunts & uncles *Alva, Anthony, Ali, Tyler and Celena*.