

Friendship Connection

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*"Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."
(Philippians 4:6-7)*

When I began writing my entry for the April newsletter, I was focused on how beautiful it was to start the month of April with Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. How we would be sitting in the sanctuary waiving our palms together marching around singing Hosanna, recreating the triumphant entry. Instead, we find ourselves in the midst of a health pandemic, worshiping from home without palms. As we enter into this holy time in our church and we are struggling with this new, yet temporary way of life and worship, we can still come together and have that time of joy on Palm Sunday.

We may be sitting in our living rooms, bedrooms, kitchens, dining room, wherever you are finding yourself worshiping; we can remind ourselves that even though we are gathering from the safety of our own homes, we are gathering. We have experienced our first online Zoom worship service, which I have had many say how well it worked. Yet, I could see that there was something that was missing. It was that time of fellowship we have before and after the service. Fellowshiping with each other is just as important as the communal worship we do. As I know many are calling around to people checking in and seeing if there is anything they need, or just chatting so that sense of loneliness goes away for a few moments. I think we need to have this time of fellowships as well.

This may be a perfect time to start an online small group, where you can use the Zoom platform and gather several people together, look at some scriptures and spend some time in conversation. This is a great way to be engaged in the scriptures and fellowshiping during this quarantine. If you are interested in leading a group like this please let me know, and I would be happy to set up the meeting for you and place you as the host. Find a time that is good for each of you, day or night. We want to keep moving things forward and continue being the church even if it means being the church from the comfort of our own homes. Let's be creative and learn how we can engage each other during this crazy time.



*To pray
is to let go
and let God take over.*
PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

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As for fellowship time before and after service, I will open the Zoom Meeting on Sunday for 30 minutes prior to the worship service, and will close 30 minutes after the service is over, so we can spend some time talking, sharing and fellowshiping before and after the service, hoping this will help us engage and connect with each other as we do in the sanctuaries.

~Pastor Chris

One Great Hour of Sharing to support UMCOR Sunday



Through the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), we can make a difference in the lives of communities and individuals whose lives have been upended by storms, wars, climate change, and displacement. Through UMCOR, we see the impact of extravagant grace through the generosity of United Methodists.

The special offering received on UMCOR Sunday helps support the small but impactful UMCOR staff who are specialists in disaster response and recovery. Funds also ensure adequate training for emergency response coordinators, construction volunteers, and case managers who assist victims of disasters, chainsaw gangs and sheetrock installers.

Due to the craziness of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we neglected to talk about UMCOR and take a special offering for it on March 22nd. So please, if you would like to donate to UMCOR, send a check to the church (31 East Street Honeoye Falls, NY 14472) and mark the memo line as UMCOR, or you can go to the following website and donate directly.

<http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/one-great-hour-of-sharing>

Ways to send your pledge/offering to HFUMC

During this time, the following are ways to get your tithes and offerings to the church: mail to 31 East Street Honeoye Falls, NY 14472, sign up for electronic giving through a bank account, debit/credit card - contact Jillian for more information (office.hfumc@gmail.com or 585-313-5681) OR set up payment through your online banking service at your local bank.

Handicap Project Update

The original cost of the Handicap Accessibility project was budgeted to be \$102,708. With the help and leadership of some of our gifted church members the actual cost was \$95,311. The Church approved a loan of \$40,000 from our own Hennessey fund, with the stipulation that the loan be paid back to by the Church members. As of 02/29/2020 we have collected \$17,360 in donations and pledges. This leaves us just \$22,460 to repay the loan and fulfill our pledge and enjoy the basement space in our church to its fullest potential. I am asking each of you to prayerfully consider making a onetime donation to this obligation or to make a on-going pledge until this loan is paid off. Thank you, Bruce Porter, HFUMC Treasurer

Virtual Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services



Please join us through Zoom Meeting or phone for **Maundy Thursday**, April 9th at 7pm. To join on Zoom, go to: <https://zoom.us/j/469985443> and use meeting id: 469 985 443. To join by phone call: 1 (646) 558-8656 and use meeting id: 469 985 443. Bring your own bread and juice.

Please join us through Zoom Meeting or phone for **Good Friday**, April 10th at 7pm. To join on Zoom, go to: <https://zoom.us/j/780194369> and use meeting id: 780 194 369. To join by phone call: 1 (646) 558-8656 and use meeting id: 780 194 369. We are in need of readers for this service (as many as 16, as few as 4). Please let Pastor Chris or the office know if you are interested in reading.



Easter Flowers



We have unfortunately had to suspend our Easter Flower ordering. Due to the ongoing pandemic, Chase's Greenhouse is closed, as it is not an essential business. Thank you for your understanding.

Celebrate!

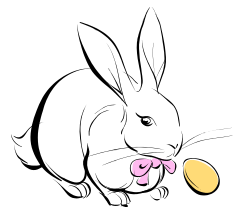
APRIL BIRTHDAYS...



4/4 - Sarah Fike
4/8 - Tricia Parham
4/12 - Emily Machiele
4/15 - Lisa Lyle
4/17 - Connie Sellman
4/16 - Olivia Hunt
4/19 - Ken Fanton
4/20 - Sarah McLaughlin
4/22 - Katie Shipe Mentz, Suzanne McLaughlin
4/23 - Danny Morgan
4/24 - Debbie Knox
4/25 - Elizabeth Machiele
4/28 - Melissa Mantegna, Madison Sellman
4/29 - Oscar O'Flynn
4/30 - Kelly Wick

AND ANNIVERSARIES...

4/5 - Phil & Bonnie Dewey
4/8 - Norm & Karen King
4/30 - Jenny & Bruce Porter





April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
			1 6:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting 7:00pm Lenten Study: "I Give Up"	2	3	4		
5  10:30am – Worship	6	7	8 7:00pm Lenten Study: "I Give Up"	9 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	10 7:00pm Good Friday Service	11		
12  10:30am – Worship	13	14 6:30pm Operations Meeting	15	16	17	18		
19 10:30am – Worship	20 7:00pm SPRC Meeting	21	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23	24	25		
26 Native American Ministries Sunday 10:30am – Worship	27 7:00pm Leadership Meeting	28	29	30	<div>All committee meetings will go on as usual via Zoom. If you need to set up a meeting, please contact Pastor Chris.</div>			
Sunday Volunteers								
April 5 Lector: Jan Connor	April 12 Lector: Terri Fischetti		April 19 Lector: Carole Eckhardt		April 26 Lector: Duane Thompson			

“Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection not in books alone,
 But in every leaf of springtime.”
 -- Martin Luther



PRAYER CLOSET



The "Prayer Mail" Email Address is hfumcprayer@gmail.com

If you notice that you haven't gotten a prayer email in a while, please check your junk or spam folder to see if they went there. Please add the email address in your contact list to ensure delivery in the future. If you think you may have been dropped from the list or would like to be added, please note this on the blue cards Sunday morning or contact the church office.

Strength, Healing and Guidance:

Pastor Samuel and Community UMC
(Uganda),
Upper NY Annual Conference & our
church leaders,

Debbie Bastow,
Joyce Connor (Bill Connor's mother),
Rhett Parham (Carole Eckhardt's son)
Evelyn Medici

Sympathy

The Family of Sue Laraway
Barker,
The Family of Donna
McCagg,

The Family of Paul Helm,
The Family of Eleanor
Wheat,

The Family of Bonnie
VanOoyen

Women and Men Serving Our Country:

Stephen Battle USA
Dennis Bonavilla,
Joseph Bonavilla,
Curtis Clark,
Michael Fanton USN,
Scott Flood USA,

Jeffrey Krulick,
Peter J. Lang USMC,
Douglas Ninkovick,
Airman Poffard,
Michael Pullen USA,
John Rider USAF,

Tim Rowlinson USA,
Mike and Charniah Smrekar
USN, S
Steven Tschiderer USA,
Greg Dewey USN

College Students:

Acadia Fairchild,
Willow Finch,
Clayton Firster,
Megan Forney,

Sarah Forney,
Liam Lyle,
Sophie Lyle,
Gwen Peters,

Madison Sellman,
Emma Vullo,
Mary Vullo,
Lawton Watts



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Address Service Requested

"Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve"



- ✦ Pastor's Note
- ✦ UMCOR Sunday, How to send pledges/tithes to HFUMC, Handicap Accessibility Project Updated
- ✦ Holy Week Services, Easter Flowers & Celebrations
- ✦ Calender of Events
- ✦ Prayer Closet

If you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter please contact the church office at 624-3387 or office.hfumc@gmail.com.

Thank you!

WEEKLY SERVICES
ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN 9:45AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

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LEADERSHIP TEAM: Duane Thompson 585-624-1423