

# Friendship Connection

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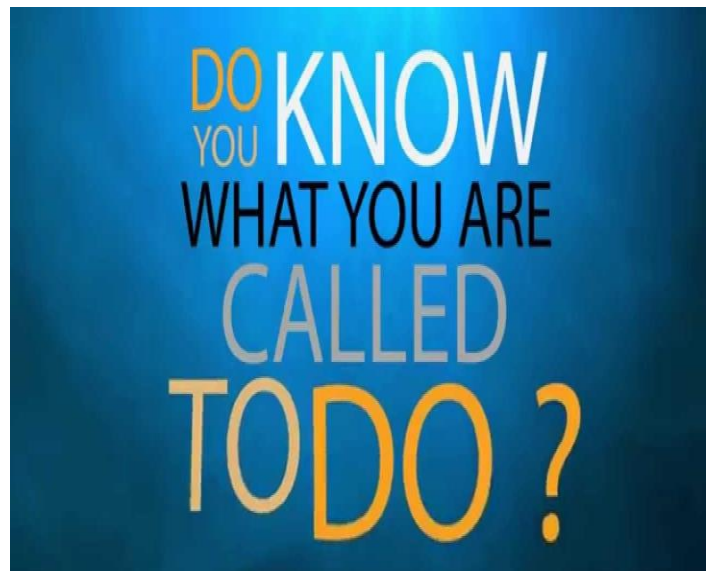
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Well, 2020 has to go down in history as both the fastest yet slowest year to date! What do I mean by that? It seems like only yesterday it was St. Patrick's Day weekend and we were deciding what to do about holding church during this scary unpredictable time. It was decided that we would worship from Home on Zoom, and that lasted well through the summer until we were able to gather back together in smaller numbers in September.

We celebrated Holy Week in the comfort of our own homes on our electronic devices, in a time when we wanted to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior...we instead were calling on our savior to stand with us through this, and asking him to keep us healthy. As the numbers continued to rise, we were not sure if we would be all at home for Christmas or not! And Luckily, we were able to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child in our beautifully decorated sanctuary.

The year that never seemed like it was going to end, has finally come to a close as we welcome in a new year, a new youth program, and a new outlook on Covid-19 where do we see God working in our church? Where do we see God wanting us to grow? Who is God calling us to bring to HFUMC? The time of New Year's Resolutions, instead of the typical resolutions of dieting and whatnot, let us set a goal for our church! We have a new front yard! One that those passing by can now see. How

can we utilize that space to get the message of Christ to the people of Honeoye Falls? Right off the top of my head and a suggestion that had come to me is a Nativity scene for Christmas 2021! A new Church sign that stands out more? What are your thoughts and ideas?



As we move into 2021, and we begin to get vaccinated, we may be able to start gathering together again! What do you want to see for our

church? We are reminded in the book of Romans 12:5-6 "in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us." As we begin to look at ways to enhance our church, let us first begin with ourselves and exploring our spiritual gifts. For those of you who receive this newsletter electronically you can click on this link and begin your spiritual gift inventory today! <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/spiritual-gifts-inventory/en> I would be excited to hear about your gifts, once we know where we are gifted, then we are able to explore ways to use those gifts both inside and outside the church!

Happy New Year HFUMC Family! I hope this year brings us all good health and a bit of normalcy back into our lives. I miss seeing many of your faces on Sunday mornings.

Peace & Joy - Pastor Chris







# January



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Worship on Zoom with us!</b> <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81742027997?pwd=WmZWTVdkak05ZnVDbUoxTW5sMWxZUT09">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81742027997?pwd=WmZWTVdkak05ZnVDbUoxTW5sMWxZUT09</a> Meeting ID: 817 4202 7997 Passcode:722620					<b>1</b> Happy New Year!	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:30am–Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 6:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:30am–Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live <b>Communion Sunday</b> - bring your own bread & juice if you are joining us from home!	<b>11</b> 7:00pm Pub Theology	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Operations Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> 10:30am–Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live	<b>18</b> 7:00pm SPRC Meeting	<b>19</b> 7:00pm Bell Choir	<b>20</b> NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:30am–Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live	<b>25</b> 7:00pm Leadership Meeting	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Bell Choir	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> 10:30am–Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live						
<b>Sunday Volunteers</b>						
<b>January 3</b>	<b>January 10</b>	<b>January 17</b>	<b>January 24</b>	<b>January 31</b>		
<b>Lector:</b> Fae Burt <b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Jess McMakin <b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Sarah Mathias <b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Lynn Shipe <b>Greeter:</b>	<b>Lector:</b> Thompson <b>Greeter:</b>		

# Prayer Closet



The "Prayer Mail" email address is [hfumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto:hfumcprayer@gmail.com).

If you would like to be added to our prayer chain, please 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 Nicki DiBella,  
The Family of Carolyn Burt,

The Family of Zachary Zwetsch

## **Women and Men Serving Our Country:**

Stephen Battle USA,  
Dennis Bonavilla,  
Joseph Bonavilla,  
Curtis Clark,  
Greg Dewey USN  
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 & Charniah Smrekar USN, S  
Steven Tschiderer USA

## **College Students:**

Anna Cole,  
Henry Cole,  
Acadia Fairchild,  
Ellie Fairchild,  
Clayton Firster,

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

Madison Sellman,  
Emma Vullo,  
Mary Vullo,  
Lawton Watts

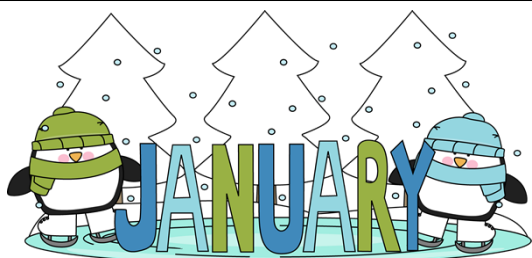
*"Although our New  
Year's resolutions may  
quickly crumble, God's  
plans never fail."*

- CHARLES STANLEY

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Address Service Requested

**"Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve"**



- ✦ Pastor's Note
- ✦ Celebrations
- ✦ Thank You's & Snow Removal Help Needed
- ✦ Calender of Events & Sunday Servers
- ✦ Prayer Closet

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*Thank you!*

**WEEKLY SERVICES**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10:30 AM  
IN-PERSON, FACEBOOK LIVE AND ON ZOOM**

**ZOOM INFO:**

**[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/810121574](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/810121574)**

**MEETING ID: 810 121 574**

**TO JOIN BY PHONE: 646-876-9923**

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**LEADERSHIP TEAM: Duane Thompson**

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