

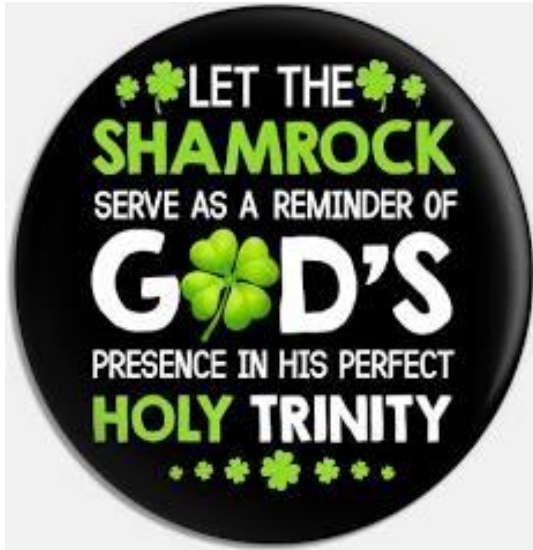
# Friendship Connection

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Happy March, Happy St. Patrick's Day! The month when we are deep in Lent, the 40 days representing the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness. I encourage each of you to take a look at the passages in the synoptic gospels (Mark 1:13; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-13) and read through the time Jesus spent in prayer and reflection, not to mention the temptations he had to deal with.

For those of us who have decided to fast from something through the Lenten season, I want you to focus on those temptations you might feel to break that fast. Bringing back the famous 90's saying, think about What Would Jesus Do (WWJD). How did Jesus handle that temptation? Pay a prayer whenever you encounter that thing you are trying to stay away from, or the time of day you might usually enjoy it. Thank God for the freedom and wholeness you have in him, and without that which you are abstaining from. Acknowledge the gifts we have

received from God.

For those of us who have decided to be in prayer through lent, pray for your spiritual renewal. If you are looking for resources there are several out on the internet. You might want to look for the Seven Last Words of Christ through Loyola Press (<https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/lent/seven-last-words/>) as one of those options.

For those who have decided to spend time in the scripture. I invite you to do so through Lectio Divina, a type of holy reading of the scriptures in a way that follows:

- **Step One:** *Read* the passage and *Listen* and pull out what phrase, sentence, or word stands out to you.
- **Step Two:** *Read* the passage again and *Reflect* on the Word of God. What touched you, what thought or reflection was meaningful. Allow for a moment of silence for reflection
- **Step Three:** *Read* the passage again and *Respond* spontaneously to the Word of God. Be aware of any prayer that rises up within that expresses the experience. Allow for a moment of silent response.
- **Step Four:** *Read* the passage a final time and *Rest* in the word, reflect or pray and allow God to speak in the silence. Allow a longer moment of silent rest.
- **To Go a bit further:** take the phrase, sentence or word that stood out to you into your daily activity and listen to it, reflect on it, pray over it, and rest in it as time allows during the day. Allow it to become part of you.

I wish you all a spirit filled, spiritual renewed, and blessed Lenten season. Let us continue to prepare for the glorious day of Jesus' resurrection.

Pastor Chris

## Youth Group

I hope everyone is enjoying their Lenten Journey so far. There are a couple exciting things going on with the youth in the next couple of months and there are various ways you could help them out.

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, Flower City will have a one-day conference for any youth in grades 7-12 that would like to register. It is Flower City Conference – Transform 2021! In Romans 12, God says that a life saved by Jesus is one that is changed from the inside out. We are called to and equipped for a life where all of our actions are an act of worship. Flower City Work Camp is one practical way, but this life encompasses so much more.

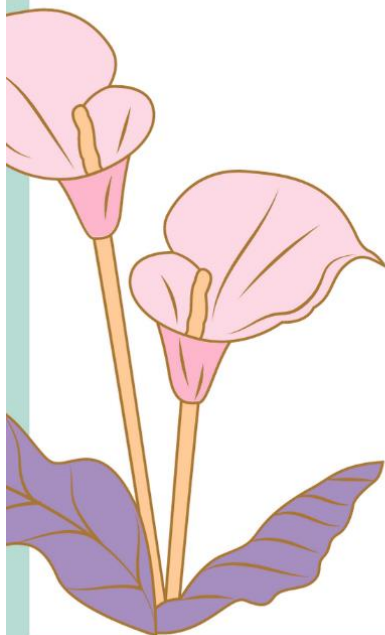
At the end of June is Flower City Work Camp. Youth are encouraged to sign up sooner, but the last day to register is March 5<sup>th</sup> because there are a limited number of spots. Flower City Work Camp serves through:

- Home repairs, including painting, flooring, simple construction, cleaning, yard work, and repairing or replacing ceilings, windows and doors
- Sidewalk Clubs, at which children play games, sing songs, make crafts, eat snacks and, most importantly, hear the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ
- Basketball camps where children and teens learn basketball skills, Bible verses and how much God loves them

There are many ways the church can help support the youth in that would like to participate one of them is volunteering for any of the things listed above. There is also a need to help provide lunch for the students and volunteers during the day. If you feel led to help in any way for Flower City Work Camp please contact either Pastor Chris or Peter Lagueras ([Peterlagueras@gmail.com](mailto:Peterlagueras@gmail.com)). Thank you for your support of the youth!!! With your support it allows the youth to grow with the love of Jesus Christ and it is much appreciated and the youth are grateful for it.



# Easter Flowers



Order forms for Easter plants will be included in the weekly bulletins on **March 7th, 14th and 21st.**

Orders and payment are due to Jan Connor by **March 21st.**  
585-582-6269

4 Brigham Circle, Honeoye Falls, 14472  
[billjan@rochester.rr.com](mailto:billjan@rochester.rr.com)

Your plants will be arranged for the Easter service. Your plant(s) will be labeled with your name.

Thank you!

## Are you on Facebook?



If you are on Facebook, please share the Sunday Service to your personal Facebook pages. It is a great way to evangelize from the comfort of your own home!

## Mid-Week Moment

Beginning in February Pastor Chris will be posting a mid-week moment video on the HFUMC Facebook Page as a way to deliver pastoral care to the congregation during a time when we are still avoiding meeting in the homes of our members. She hopes this will help you feel connected to the church and give you the pick me up we sometimes need in the middle of the week. So, if you have not already "like" our Church Facebook Page as well as Join the Honeoye Falls UMC Congregation Group.

## UMCOR Sunday is March 14th



March 14th is UMCOR Sunday. Thank you for your generosity in 2019! You gave \$2,709,028 to the UMCOR Sunday offering. This special offering underwrites UMCOR's administrative costs so that all designated gifts will go to the project you specify. Your gift ensures UMCOR's response in times of crisis so that 100% of gifts to UMCOR help those who need it

most. This fund is administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. There will be special envelopes available at church, you can mail in your giving with a note that it is for UMCOR Sunday to: 31 East Street, Honeoye Falls, 14472 or go online to: <https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/umcsgiving>.

## Thank you

Hello HFUMC! I wanted to thank you all again for this year's Connections Box for Valentine's Day. It was a great reminder that I have my church family rooting for me as I navigate grad school in the midst of the pandemic. I really enjoyed hearing from you with all of the little valentines' cards that were in the box this year. My roommate and I are very appreciative of the goodies, and the kind thoughts behind them as we continue to work on our synopsis papers and presentations in the next steps to officially being confirmed Chemistry PhD Candidates. I hope that you all are doing as well as you can, given the circumstances, and I look forward to seeing you all again when it is safe to meet in person. Thank you all again! ~Sarah Forney

HFUMC Family, Thank you so much for the care package! My suitemates and I really appreciate the snacks and candy! The valentines and package were a wonderful reminder that you are thinking of all of us that are off at college. Thank you again!! Megan Forney

## Happy Birthday

- 3/2- Dan Vullo
- 3/17- Morgan Machiele
- 3/19- Ginny Winchester
- 3/22- Jeff Machiele & Joe Blackburn
- 3/24- Darlene Vullo
- 3/25- Sarah Forney & Joe Menear
- 3/26- Jack Day
- 3/28- Shea Winans
- 3/29- Kathy Shipkowski
- 3/30- Don Barnes & Sally Kelly

## Happy Anniversary

3/19 - Kent & Ginny Winchester



# March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 7:00pm Bell Choir	<b>3</b> 6:00pm Mission & Outreach Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</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! 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>8</b> 7:00pm Pub Theology	<b>9</b> 7:00pm Bell Choir  7:00pm Operations Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
 <b>14</b> <b>UMCOR Sunday</b> 10:30am-Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>15</b> 7:00pm SPRC Meeting	<b>16</b> 7:00pm Bell Choir	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 10:30am-Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>22</b> 7:00pm Leadership Meeting	<b>23</b> 7:00pm Bell Choir	<b>24</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 10:30am-Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:00pm Bell Choir	<b>31</b>	<b>2021 Cross Walk</b> Thursday or Friday of Holy Week More details to come! 		
<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>Sunday Volunteers</b>						
<b>March 7</b>	<b>March 14</b>		<b>March 21</b>		<b>March 28</b>	
<b>Lector:</b> Fae Burt <b>Greeter:</b> Dave Fanton	<b>Lector:</b> Jess McMakin <b>Greeter:</b> TBD		<b>Lector:</b> Sarah Mathias <b>Greeter:</b> TBD		<b>Lector:</b> Marie Thompson <b>Greeter:</b> TBD	

# 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,

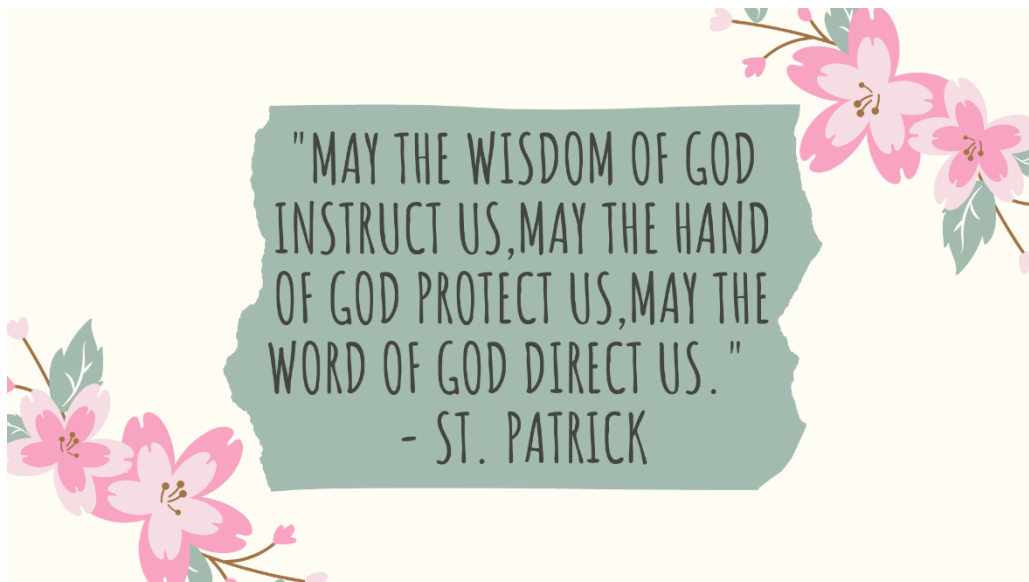
John Rider USAF,  
Tim Rowlinson USA,  
Mike & Charniah Smrekar USN, S  
Steven Tschiderer USA

## *College Students:*

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

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

Madison Sellman,  
Emma Vullo,  
Mary Vullo,  
Lawton Watts



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**“Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve”**



- ✦ Pastor's Note
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- ✦ 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**

**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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