

Friendship Connection

March 2022

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Marked by Ashes
By: Walter Brueggemann

Ruler of the Night, Guarantor of the day...
This day — a gift from you.
This day — like none other you have ever given, or we have ever received.
This Wednesday dazzles us with gift and newness and possibility.
This Wednesday burdens us with the tasks of the day, for we are already halfway home
 halfway back to committees and memos,
 halfway back to calls and appointments,
 halfway on to next Sunday,
 halfway back, half frazzled, half expectant,
 half turned toward you, half rather not.

This Wednesday is a long way from Ash Wednesday,
but all our Wednesdays are marked by ashes —
 we begin this day with that taste of ash in our mouth:
 of failed hope and broken promises,
 of forgotten children and frightened women,
 we ourselves are ashes to ashes, dust to dust;
 we can taste our mortality as we roll the ash around on our tongues.

We are able to ponder our ashness with
 some confidence, only because our every Wednesday of ashes
 anticipates your Easter victory over that dry, flaky taste of death.

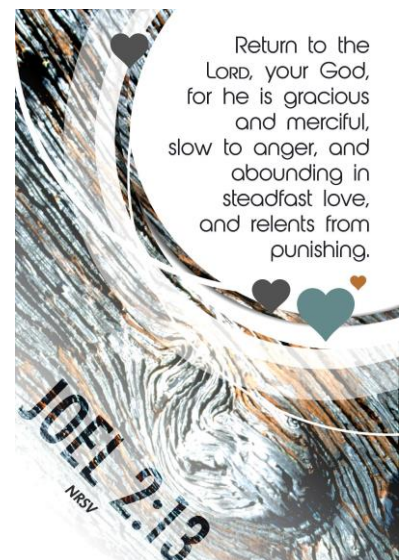
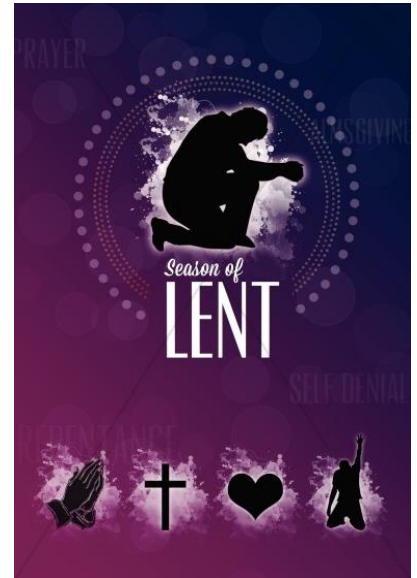
On this Wednesday, we submit our ashen way to you —
 you Easter parade of newness.
Before the sun sets, take our Wednesday and Easter us,
 Easter us to joy and energy and courage and freedom;
 Easter us that we may be fearless for your truth.
Come here and Easter our Wednesday with
 mercy and justice and peace and generosity.

We pray as we wait for the Risen One who comes soon.

Blessings, Pastor Chris

Walter Brueggemann, a professor emeritus of Old Testament studies at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.
This poem was taken from his *Prayers for a Privileged People* (Nashville: Abingdon, 2008), pp. 27-28.

<https://www.journeywithjesus.net/poemsandprayers/488-walter-brueggemann-marked-by-ashes>



FISH Food Cupboard Update

The food closet has recently provided food and HFMP gift cards to local senior citizens, local families, some Seneca Place fire victims and some families that have just moved to Honeoye Falls from Afghanistan (the Fathers of these families were translators for the American troops). The food closet is well stocked in some foods but low or out of some. The foods needed are – juices (cranberry, apple, grape), cereal (cheerios, Chex, Rice Krispies, frosted flakes), crackers, snacks (granola bars, fruit bars, school snacks), regular tea bags, canned fruit, canned ravioli/SpaghettiOs, applesauce, complete pancake mix and instant potatoes.

Donations may be put in the basket at church or delivered to the porch of 153 East Street, Honeoye Falls (blue house next to Manor School driveway). For more information or to have your donation picked up please call the food closet at 585-484-7103. Thank you ~ the Volunteers of the FISH!

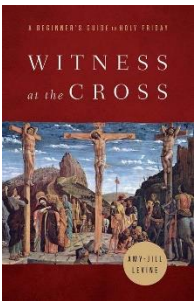
Lenten Study: Witness the Cross

Join Pastor Chris for a Lenten Study in-person and on Zoom on Thursdays from 7-8 beginning March 3. This six-week study will use ***Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Friday*** by Professor Amy-Jill Levine to experience Holy Friday from the perspective of those who watched Jesus die. The book is available through Cokesbury for **\$13.50 for the hard copy**.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86194123366?pwd=UTkvdmoyMnZUTFI1aWRVOUxZcERUQT09>


Meeting ID: 861 9412 3366 | Passcode: 314494

Place yourself as a witness of the cross and determine what your own testimony will be!



In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill Levine shows how the people at the cross each have distinct roles to play. Each Evangelist presents a distinct picture of the death of Jesus. Each portrays different individuals and groups of people at the cross, each offers different images and dialogues, and so from each, we learn how those meanings and messages cross the centuries to any who would come to the cross today.

Each Gospel has its own story to tell, all the witnesses have their own memories, and every reader comes away with a new insight. The witnesses at the Crucifixion watch Jesus die, and we watch with them, and we watch them. And we come away transformed.



MARCH 2
7:00 PM SERVICE

In-person & Virtual

Meeting ID: 860 1132 3620
Passcode: 935786



Honeoye Falls UMC Youth Group
Presents

SHROVE TUESDAY
PANCAKE DINNER

Tuesday, March 1st
5pm - 7pm
31 East Street Honeoye Falls
Free will offering at the door

Dinner Includes: Breakfast Sausage & All you can eat pancakes (plain, chocolate chip & blueberry), and beverage

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🍺 **Pub Theology** 🍺

Pub Theology continues Monday, March 14th at 7:00pm, at Flaherty's. "Beer, conversation & God"- all perspectives are welcome. For more information contact Duane Thompson.

Easter Flowers

It's time to think about ordering Easter plants! Order forms will be included in the weekly bulletins on March 6th, 13th, and 20th. Orders and payment are due to Jan Connor by March 20th. Your plants will be labeled with your name and arranged for the Easter service. Someone will be there to help distribution. Checks may be mailed to Jan Connor and can be mailed to: 4 Brigham Circle, Honeoye Falls, N.Y. 14472. For questions or help, please call Jan at 585-582-6269. Thank you!

Connections Thank you's!

Hello HFUMC, I wanted to thank you all again for this year's Valentine's Day Connections Box! It is always a lovely reminder of the support I have from my church family as I continue my grad school journey out in Buffalo. I really enjoyed receiving all of the valentine's cards from the congregation, and I hope you are all doing well in this new year. My lab-mates and I are very appreciative of all the snacks and treats, as well as the kind thoughts behind them as we continue to work on our research projects and navigate TA-ing undergraduate classes amidst the everchanging guidelines. I look forward to seeing you all again when I get my next break from work. Thank you all again ~Sarah Forney

HFUMC Family, Thank you so much for the care package! My roommates and I really appreciate the snacks and decorations. It is a great reminder that you are thinking of us! Thank you again! From, Megan Forney

Save the Date – March 31st

HFUMC will be hosting a community Spaghetti Supper to benefit the Seneca Place Fire Relief Fund. St. John's Episcopal, HFLM Rotary and others from the community will be helping. Volunteers from HFUMC will be needed. More details to follow!





March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
If you don't feel well stay home and come to church via Zoom or Facebook Live! Zoom Meeting ID: 817 4202 7997 Passcode:722620		1 5:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 7:00pm Bell Choir	2  Ash Wednesday — Lent Begins 6:00pm M&O Meeting 7:00pm Ash Wed. Service	3 7:00pm Lenten Study	4	5
6 9:00am – Confirmation Class 9:30am – Sunday School 10:30am – Worship 5:00 pm – Youth Group	7 2:30pm Girl Scout Troop 60775 Meeting	8 1:00pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Bell Choir Operations	9	10 7:00pm Lenten Study	11	12
13 9:00am – Confirmation Class 9:30am – Sunday School 10:30am – Worship 5:00 pm – Youth Group	14 7:00pm Pub Theology	15 7:00pm Bell Choir	16 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 61024 Meeting	17  7:00pm Lenten Study	18	19
20 9:00am – Confirmation Class 9:30am – Sunday School 10:30am – Worship 5:00 pm – Youth Group	21 7:00pm SPRC	22 7:00pm Bell Choir	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 7:00pm Lenten Study	25	26
27 UMCOR Sunday 9:00am – Confirmation Class 9:30am – Sunday School 10:30am – Worship 5:00 pm – Youth Group	28 7:00pm Leadership Meeting	29	30 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop 61024 Meeting	31 7:00pm Lenten Study Spaghetti Supper	HFUMC will host a Spaghetti Supper to benefit the Seneca Place Fire Relief fund on March 31 st ! This will be a community event with more details coming!	
Sunday Volunteers						
March 6	March 13		March 20		March 27	
Lector: Fae Burt Greeter: Andy Matthews Snow Removal: Altar Flowers: Connor – in memory of Bill’s dad	Lector: Sarah Mathias Greeter: Jan & Bill Connor Snow Removal: Shipe Altar Flowers:		Lector: Duane Thompson Greeter: Jess McMakin Snow Removal: Altar Flowers: Winans		Lector: Carl Vullo Greeter: Duane & Marie Thompson Snow Removal: Thompson Altar Flowers:	

Prayer Closet



The "Prayer Mail" email address is 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,
Kate Vadhera (Jill's Aunt)

Sympathy:

The Family of Carolyn Burt,
The Family of Zachary Zwetsch,

The Family of Dennis Dunn,
The Family of Janice Hicks

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,
Greg Dewey USN

College Students:

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

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

Emma Vullo,
Mary Vullo,
Lawton Watts

"May the blessing of each day
bring the blessings you need most."

- St. Patrick

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31 East Street, Honeoye Falls NY, 14472**

Address Service Requested

“Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve”



- ✦ Pastor's Note
- ✦ FISH Update & Lenten Study
- ✦ Events, Updates & Celebrations
- ✦ Calender of Events & Sunday Servers
- ✦ 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:

MEETING ID: 810 121 574 | PASSCODE:722620
TO JOIN BY PHONE: 646-876-9923
(use same meeting ID & Passcode)

PASTOR: Christine Mitchell

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CHURCH OFFICE: Secretary: Jillian Lloyd

585-624-3387 | office.hfumc@gmail.com

Website: www.honeoyefallsumc.org

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Joe Blackburn 585-244-3538

YOUTH PASTOR: Peter Lagueras

Peterlagueras@gmail.com

MINISTERS: EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

LEADERSHIP TEAM: Duane Thompson 585-739-5427