

# Friendship Connection

May 2021

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**“He said to them, “Because of your little faith. For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.” (Matthew 17:20, NRSV)**

As the sun begins to shine more, and the spring flowers and trees start to bloom, this is a great time to reflect on and assess where we stand in our faith. There has been a lot of darkness surrounding the world this last year, and it seems to continue. Even though people are getting vaccinated,

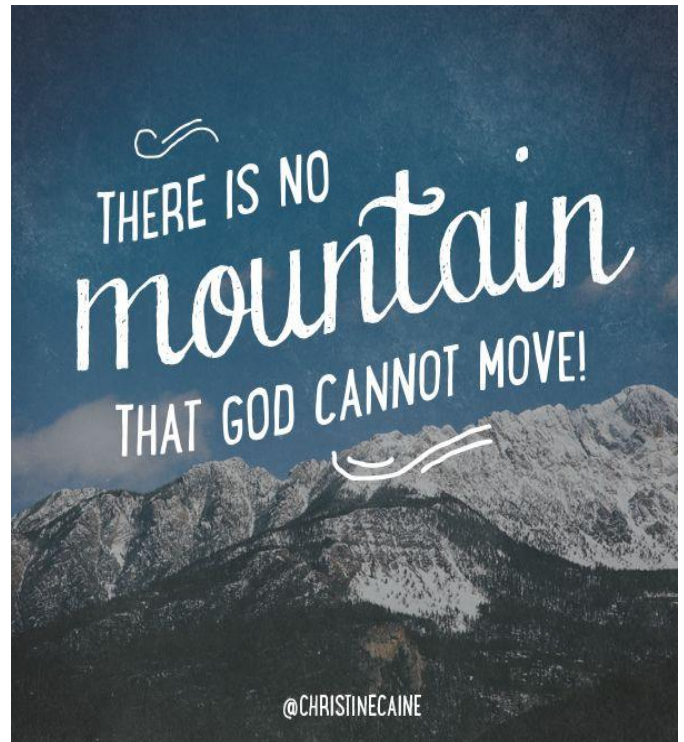
and things are beginning to open more, we still see a rise in the numbers of COVID-19 cases. It is enough to affect even the strongest.

During my much-needed vacation the week after Easter, I had a lot of time to reflect. As I could tell, I was in COVID fatigue as we all are; I was able to rest. Taking that time to self-care for myself, as I hope you are all doing as well. It’s interesting how we go throughout our days and weeks, and months are doing the same things, worrying about the same things. We tend to get

stuck in a rut. We think we are doing great, but inside there is turmoil. When we feel we are just tired because we’ve been so busy, listen to your body tell you to rest. Resting, genuinely relaxing, taking the day off work, then working on projects around the house that need to get done. It might be vacationing somewhere with your family or significant other. It might be getting out of the house and spending a night or two at a local hotel. We have all been spending a lot of time in our homes. Get out, take a walk, or a drive. We have so many areas with such beautiful scenery close by. Spend some time with God in his creation. Rest!

The Scripture I chose for this month reminds us that even the smallest amount of faith that we have in our Lord can allow us to do great things. As we enter into spring, summer, and before we know it fall, let us find that mustard seed of faith that is there within us. Let’s see what we can do with it. What can the church do? Is there a ministry you have thought about starting or suggesting? Is there something you would like to do as part of our worship services, maybe play or sing a song for our Musical Interlude after reading the scriptures? Perhaps you would like to be a lector and lead a portion of the worship or greet the people as they enter the church? There are so many ministries, opportunities, and committees in which your talents and that mustard seed of faith can help to move those mountains!

Take that leap of faith! Trust in the Lord our God! Join us in the Ministry together! For our faith can move mountains. Let it be so! Amen. ~Pastor Chris





MISSION & OUTREACH

# COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

## Interested in joining?

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Join our next meeting on Monday,  
May 3rd at 7pm on Zoom!

You can also reach out to  
Ken Forney  
kforney101@aol.com  
(585)261-8523

or  
Pastor Chris  
PastorChrisMitchellUMC@gmail.com  
(585)704-5587

The Mission and Outreach team is a group of church members who work together to create and support local and global church missions. This group puts together many of our church fundraisers, and responds to needs in the community through our outreach. Past outreach programs include Food Bingo at Totiakton, signs of encouragement around the church property, Vacation Bible School, and Connection boxes for our college aged students.

We are looking for more people to join this team and bring some great ideas as to how we can continue to raise money for our missions, as well as reach out into our communities.



## ***FISH Combined Communities Food Closet (serving Honeoye Falls, Mendon & West Bloomfield)***

Thank you for all your past donations and support! The local community has been very generous during the 2020-2021 pandemic.

The food closet is well stocked and ready to help local residents with their emergency food needs. Deliveries of food are made on Wednesdays or on an emergency basis. All COVID-19 precautions are being used at the food closet and during deliveries. Face masks, gloves and hand sanitizer are being used. Deliveries are made to outside doors of residents' homes so there is not any personal contact or risk of infection.

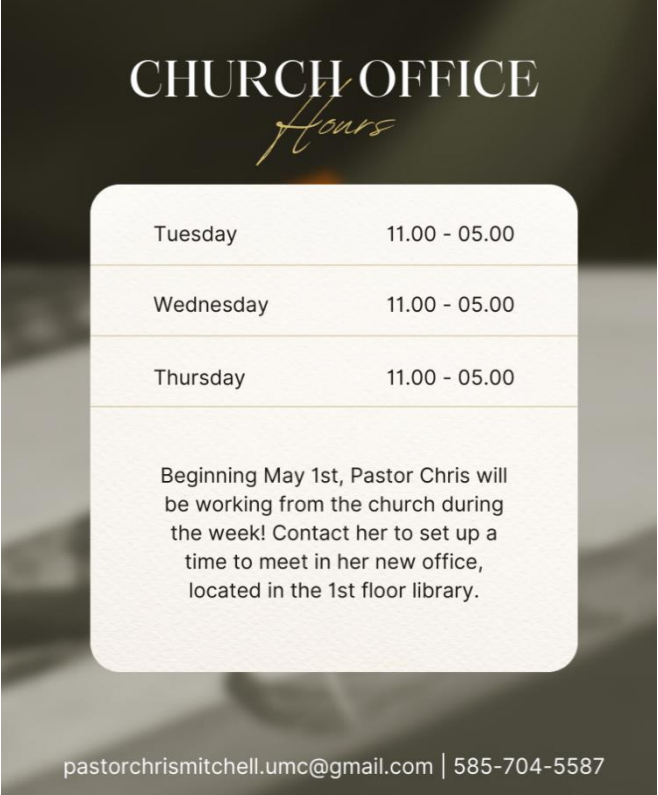
If you know someone who could use our help, please have them call: 585-484-7103, Monday-Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM.

## ***Kiwanis Chicken BBQ***

The HF-L-M Kiwanis will be hosting a drive-thru chicken barbeque and food drive on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 11am to 3pm in the Dipper Dans parking lot (136 W. Main St., Honeoye Falls). Dinners are \$13 each and all proceeds will benefit area children's charities and food pantries.

## ***Fun in the Son 2021***

The Genesee Valley District Committee on Youth Ministries is sponsoring a youth event at the Canfieldwood Shelter in Mendon Ponds on Saturday, May 8 from 1-5pm. Join us for outdoor games and activities. Masks are required and social distancing will be practiced. Register at: <https://fun-in-the-son-2021.eventbrite.com>.




**CHURCH OFFICE**  
*Hours*

Tuesday	11.00 - 05.00
Wednesday	11.00 - 05.00
Thursday	11.00 - 05.00

Beginning May 1st, Pastor Chris will be working from the church during the week! Contact her to set up a time to meet in her new office, located in the 1st floor library.

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**Happy Birthday!**

- 5/1 - Libby Day
- 5/4 - Carol Schaffner
- 5/7 - Dan Stahl
- 5/8 - Tim McLaughlin
- 5/13 - Jacob Mitchell & Bob Winans
- 5/19 - Ian Helm
- 5/21 - Richard Parham
- 5/30 - Kevin Stahl
- 5/31 - Emma Vullo & Mary Vullo

**Happy Anniversary!**

- 5/20 - Dave & Sue Godshall
- 5/29 - Tim & Sue McLaughlin
- 5/30 - Rhett & Rachel Parham



# May



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>2</b> <b>10:30am</b> –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>5:00 pm</b> Youth Group	<b>3</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Mission & Outreach Meeting	<b>4</b> <b>6:45pm</b> Bell Choir <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>1:00pm</b> Fun in the Son Youth Event at Mendon Ponds
<b>9</b> <b>10:30am</b> –Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live <b>5:00 pm</b> Youth Group 	<b>10</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Pub Theology	<b>11</b> <b>6:45pm</b> Bell Choir <b>7:00pm</b> Operations Meeting <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>10:30am</b> –Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live <b>5:00 pm</b> Youth Group	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>6:45pm</b> Bell Choir <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> <b>NEWSLETTER            DEADLINE</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>11:00am</b> Kiwanis Chicken BBQ @ Dipper Dans
<b>23</b> <b>10:30am</b> –Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live <b>5:00 pm</b> Youth Group	<b>24</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Leadership Meeting	<b>25</b> <b>6:45pm</b> Bell Choir <b>7:30pm</b> Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>10:30am</b> –Worship Service at the Church, on Zoom, or Facebook Live <b>5:00 pm</b> Youth Group	<b>31</b> 	<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>May 2</b>	<b>May 9</b>	<b>May 16</b>	<b>May 23</b>	<b>May 30</b>		
<b>Lector:</b> Carole Eckhardt	<b>Lector:</b> Carl Vullo	<b>Lector:</b> Fae Burt	<b>Lector:</b> Jess McMakin	<b>Lector:</b> Sarah Mathias		

# 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,

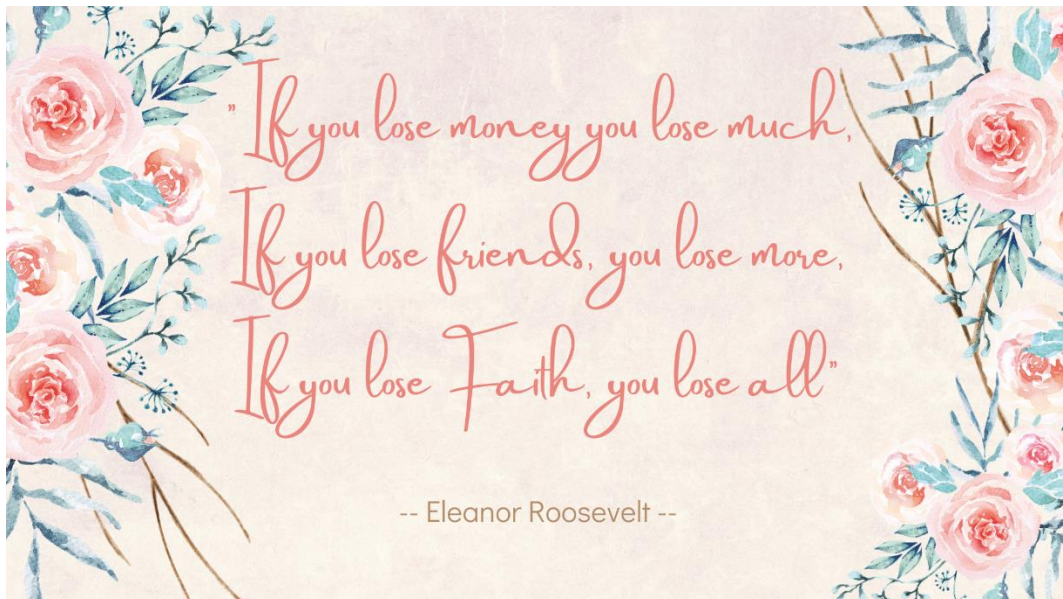
John Rider USAF,  
Tim Rowlinson USA,  
Mike & Charniah Smrekar USN, S  
Steven Tschiderer USA

## *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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Address Service Requested

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



- ✦ Pastor's Note
- ✦ 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](mailto: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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**MINISTERS: EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION**

**LEADERSHIP TEAM: Duane Thompson**

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