

Friendship Connection

November 2021

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“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance.” 2 Corinthians (9:6-8a)

Throughout our stewardship campaign, we have learned a lot about how to use our money wisely. Some of us are already there; some of us are still learning. But one thing, the most important thing, is to give to God First in both life and our giving. But what does that mean – to give to God First of our life? And our Giving?

I think giving to God first in your life is to begin each day with prayer. Thank God for another day; it's reading even just one verse out of the bible. Some great apps and widgets allow you to do that right on your phone each morning. You can even sign up for a daily devotional to be sent to your phone or email. In addition, giving to God first in our living follows the covenants he has made with us. It's living by the ten commandments, and it's living a life where we love God and love others without judgment. It is about being a disciple of Christ and showing his love to those around us. It is about sowing the seeds we need to cultivate and harvest to bring others to Christ. It is riding this wave of excitement and new opportunities for the church.

By giving to God of our lives, we give first to God in our finances. We have heard testimonies from leaders in the congregation over the last few weeks. We have heard of the exciting new opportunities we have begun with a new youth pastor and bringing me full-time come January. By giving to God first, we will be able to help fund and move forward these ministries. We can engage with the community in different and exciting ways. We can not only grow our church but also grow the kingdom of God! We can see the excitement on the faces of the school kids when they get a free taco! We need to keep up the enthusiasm. We need to keep our church at the forefront of this community. While being introduced to someone just the other day, I was introduced as the Methodist Church Pastor in town. We had the following conversation:

Them: “There is a Methodist Church in Honeoye Falls?”

Me: “There sure is! It's across the street from the high school.”

Them: “There is a church across the street from the high school?”

Friends, is this an issue? If we are not noticeable, then we need to change that.

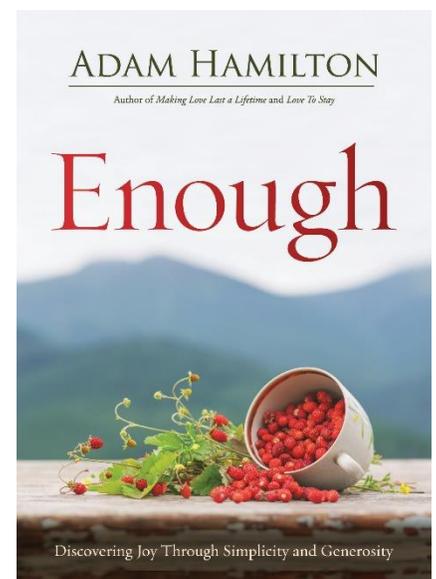
Join me in making our church alive and visible in the community. I would love to look at putting a float in the Christmas Parade this year. Where we can be visible if there are festivals and carnivals that we can be present at...we need to be. And not just one entity of us, but all of us, our children, youth, adults, and older adults. If the only church they see in town is not ours, we need to change! **Are you in???** If so, Give to God First when you fill in your pledge cards! God will provide!

Schedule of Events:

November 7th Consecration Sunday 1

November 12th Consecration Sunday 2

November 21th Celebration Sunday



Advent Study: "You Were Made for this Moment"

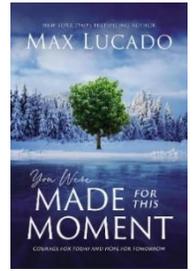
"Are you weary from your challenges, or worried your world is spinning out of control?"

"Queen Esther concealed her Jewish identity. As far as anyone knew, she was pure Persian. But then came the royal decree that would annihilate her people. She had to make tough choices. Would she remain silent or would she speak up?"

We will learn from Esther that even when we may be facing impossible situations, that God is with us.

Please join us for this Advent study starting, December 2nd and every Thursday thru December 30th, on Zoom and in church. Zoom information is below. If you would like to order your book the cost at Cokesbury is \$15.49. If you need help with this, please let Jan Connor know. Orders are due by November 17th, in order to get them in time.

If you have any questions please call, Jan Connor at 585-582-6269 or email billjan@rochester.rr.com.



Friends in Service Here Combined Communities (Honeoye Falls, Mendon & West Bloomfield)

Food Closet Holiday Plans

Again this year, we are following COVID-19 protocols at the food closet. We are on limited staff and are restricting meeting as a group. Some of our supporting donors are also restricting some group projects so we are choosing to help local families have holiday meals by giving them gift cards for food instead of baskets filled with holiday foods. The local families who received the gift cards last year were thrilled to be able to have a holiday meal. They were very excited also to plan their menu for the holidays with their own family favorite foods. We found this was a blessing for the families and for the volunteers so we don't have any reservations about doing it again. The donations that came in last year were very generous, which enabled every family helped by the food closet to have a nice holiday meal!

Gift cards to HFMP/MMMP, Walmart, Wegmans or Tops are welcome. If you choose to not purchase a gift card but would still like to donate, checks may be made out to: FISH Food Closet. Gift cards and checks may be mailed to FISH Food Closet, 153 East Street, Honeoye Falls, N.Y. 14472.

The food closet will continue to collect and give out regular food all year. Some of the items we are in need of are: chunky beef and vegetable soups, canned chicken, canned ravioli, canned stew, cereal, instant oatmeal in packets, tea, crackers, broth, cranberry juice, grape juice, canned fruit, small boxes of sugar, mayo, miracle whip, jams, Kleenex, toilet tissue, dish soap and laundry soap. Food donations may be dropped off to a food closet volunteer's porch at 25 Stonefield Place (off of York Street), Honeoye Falls.

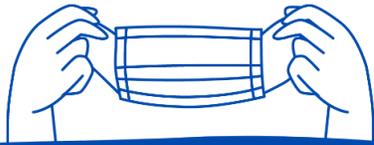
If you need more information, need food or have questions please call the food closet phone number: 484-7103.

Thank you for whatever you are able to do to help! We wish you healthy, happy and fun holidays!
Volunteers of the FISH Combined Communities Food Closet



HFUMC is committed to keeping everyone safe.

Masks must be worn inside the church when not seated, socially distanced and while singing.



If you are not feeling well please worship from home via Zoom or Facebook live.

Taco Tuesday

Taco Tuesday will be Tuesday, November 9. Set-up will begin at 1pm and cleanup will begin around 3:30pm. If you would like to help with this ministry, please come to a Mission & Outreach meeting or contact Ken Forney!



Pub Theology continues Monday, November 8th at 7:00pm, at Flaherty's. "Beer, conversation & God"- all perspectives are welcome. For more information contact Duane Thompson.



Advent Readers Needed

If you or your family would like to read a small advent reading, please let Jillian know. We need one family/person on the following dates: Nov 28; Dec 5, 12, 19 & 24. Thank you!



Greening of the Church



Join us on Saturday, December 4th at 10am to decorate the church for the Advent/Christmas season!

Christmas Tree

Our Christmas Tree will arrive the afternoon of November 27th. If you are able to help get it in the church and setup, please let Tom Sellman know.



'Thank You's!'

HFUMC Family, Thank you so much for the care package!! The spooky surprise is a great reminder that you are thinking of us and going through it provided a great moment away from the stress of midterms to focus on something else. My roommates and I look forward to these every year and appreciate the snacks and decorations! Thank you again!! Megan Forney

Dear Church Family, thank you so much for the wonderful Pastor Appreciation gifts I received in the month of October. The flowers and gift card were absolutely beautiful and appreciated. I am blessed to be in a church with such loving and caring people. You truly have become part of my family! With Abundant Joy, Pastor Chris

**Honeoye Falls UMC
Annual Charge Conference**

**SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

8:00PM

All Members Welcome and have a Vote
(confirmed youth included)

Meeting will be via Zoom
Zoom Information will be available closer to the meeting



November



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7:00pm Bell Choir	3 6:00pm Mission & Outreach	4	5	6 5:30 pm - Church Underground
7 Communion Sunday Daylight Savings Ends! 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship 5:00 pm - Youth Group	8 7:00pm Pub Theology	9 1:00pm Taco Tuesday 7:00pm Bell Choir Operations	10 8:00pm Charge Conference	11 	12	13 5:30 pm - Church Underground
14 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship 5:00 pm - Youth Group	15 7:00pm SPRC	16 7:00pm Bell Choir	17 Newsletter Deadline	18	19	20 5:30 pm - Church Underground
21 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship 5:00 pm - Youth Group	22 7:00pm Leadership Meeting	23 7:00pm Bell Choir	24	25 	26	27 5:30 pm - Church Underground
Pastor Chris on vacation 11/22 - 11/29.						
28 UM Student Sunday 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship 5:00 pm - Youth Group	29	30 7:00pm Bell Choir	Worship on Zoom or Facebook Live with us! Zoom Meeting ID: 817 4202 7997 Passcode:722620 If you don't feel well stay home, and come to church via Zoom or Facebook Live.			
Sunday Volunteers						
November 7	November 14		November 21		November 28	
Lector: Fae Burt Greeter: Lynn Shipe	Lector: Duane Thompson Greeter: Jess McMakin		Lector: Carl Vullo Greeter: Bill & Jan Connor		Lector: Sarah Mathias Greeter: Duane & Marie Thompson	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/5 - Jeffrey Bastow
11/9 - Jim Kanaley
11/11 - David Fanton
11/14 - Lauren Thompson-Keen
11/28 - Gary Long
11/30 - Colton & Case Day

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

11/22 - Jim & Kathy Shipkowski

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,

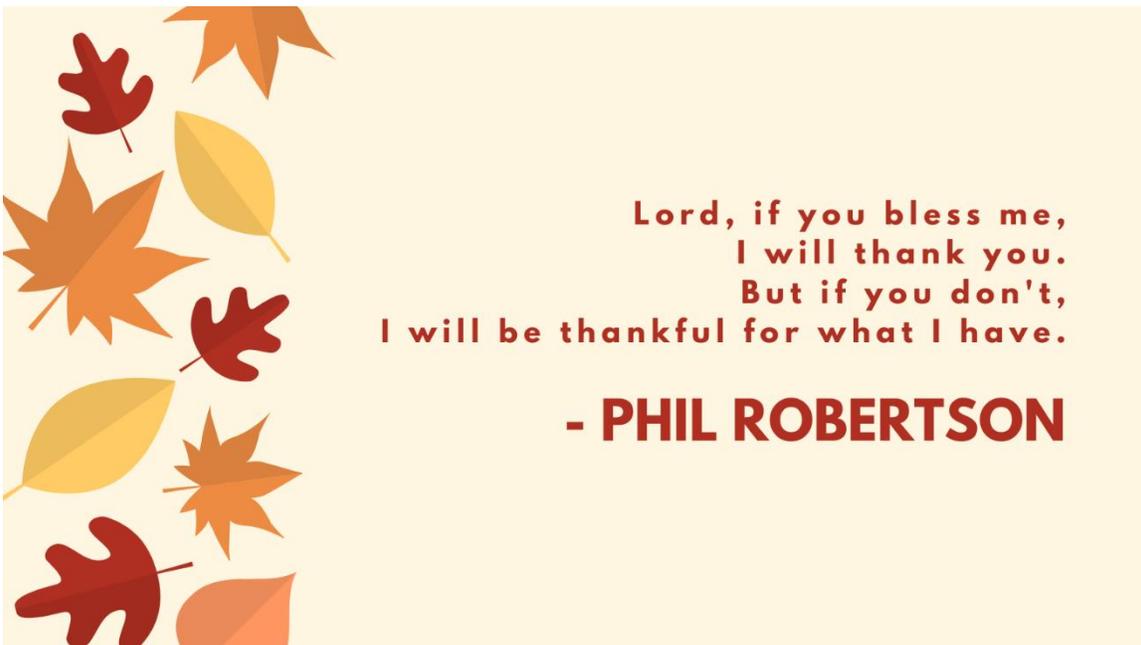
John Rider USAF,
Tim Rowlinson USA,
Mike & Charniah Smrekar USN, S
Steven Tschiderer USA,
Greg Dewey USN

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



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
31 East Street, Honeoye Falls NY, 14472**

Address Service Requested

“Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve”



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

THE CHURCH UNDERGRUND – SATURDAYS'S AT 5:30 PM

**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

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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