

Friendship Connection

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“Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character, so that the person who belongs to God can be equipped to do everything that is good.” (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Common English Bible (CEB))

For many of us, we have children, grandchildren, or great-grandchildren, who’ve been back to school now for at least one month. Just, as they’ve developed routines for the various aspect of their days (homework, sports, exams, etc.), we all need to continue to develop routines in order to find time to be with God as well as loving our neighbors.

Spiritual practices open our hearts to God, allow us to grow in grace, and gain health and strength as the body of Christ. Here’s a list of spiritual practices, in no order of priority, that I came across on The Upper Room website (<http://upperroom.org/>) that may assist us in cultivating these routines:

- **Listening:** Pay attention to teachers and coaches. Be there for friends. Be open to God’s nudges. Start each day by praying, “Speak, Lord. I’m listening.”
- **Perseverance:** When life is tough, don’t give up. Press on in faith to achieve your goals. Find accountability partners to walk with you and to help you stay focused.
- **Questioning:** Wrestle with God’s Living Word (i.e. the Bible). Don’t be afraid to ask God questions. Join a small group that can help you grapple with faith questions for which you have no answers.
- **Sabbath:** Make rest a priority. Seek balance. Find ways to refresh your body, mind, and spirit. Schedule “gimme a break” times in your planner (i.e. calendar) and keep them!
- **Noticing:** Observe the ways God shows up in unexpected people or places. Marvel at the fingerprints of God clearly evident in nature, in other people, and in the shaping of your life.
- **Hospitality:** Befriend the new person. Welcome the stranger. Include those who are left out. Ask God to help you accept and appreciate what is strange or unique about you.
- **Loving Yourself:** Be OK with not being perfect. Show yourself a little compassion and grace. Discover things you like or love about yourself and create an “I Like Me” list.
- **Showing Respect:** Love and respect go hand in hand. Learn to respect others by getting to know them. Share your faith story and listen lovingly and attentively to the faith stories of others.
- **Prayer:** Pray throughout the day. Talk with God as you do with friends. Don’t just go through the motions; be honest with God. Pray that you might become an answer to your prayers.

My prayer and challenge for each of us, is that we look at our daily routines and evaluate and/or incorporate some or all of these spiritual practices. Practicing spiritual disciplines draws us into conversation with God, calls us into new ways of living, and inspires us to be more Christ-like in our living. As our spiritual practices develop, God begins to use them to speak, challenge, and call us in new ways.

Blessings & Shalom, Pastor Mary

Church Annual Conference

Our church's annual Charge Conference Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, November 3rd, 3-5pm at the Livonia UMC.** Various forms need to be submitted to the District Office two weeks before. Worship will be at 3pm and then the business meeting will begin at 4pm. Ionia UMC will meet with us this year instead of the separate meetings we've had in the past. There are no resolutions to consider this year.

We will be voting, as usual, on the following:

Clergy Compensation Package (Pastor salary and benefits)

Clergy Housing Exclusion Resolution (for IRS regulations)

Trustee elections

Please attend and vote!

*Connections Ministry is looking for addresses for
College students/Military personnel*

Hard to believe but Fall is almost upon us and the Connections Ministry is looking for addresses for your college student and/or military personnel. As you know Connections sends out care packages twice a year to people from our church that are away to remind them that people back home are thinking and praying for them.

We have on our list from last year: Acadia Fairchild, Brett Peters, Clayton Firster, Gwen Peters, Joseph Moore, Justis Watts, Lee Matthews, Liam Lyle, Madison Sellman, Riley O'Flynn, Robert Chanceus Moore, Sarah Forney and Trenton Firster.

Please let us know if any of these mentioned have a different address from last year, have graduated, or no longer request a package to be sent. Please send your addresses to office.hfumc@gmail.com. Any questions, please feel free to contact Marie (624-1423) or the church office (624-3387 or office.hfumc@gmail.com).



Church Leadership Positions Need to be Filled for 2019

This year we need volunteers to fill three important positions within our church. They are: SPRC Chairperson, currently Lynn Shipe, Operations Chairperson, currently Walt Mathias, and Leadership Team Chairperson, currently Sarah Mathias. According to the Book of Discipline, the rules of our denomination, the SPRC Chair and Operations Chair may only serve three years. I have served as Leadership Team Chair for four years and it's time for a change. This provides a break for the person retiring and a new view of church business from the person taking on this new role. In the past, this church has followed the strategy of moving leaders from one position to the other - Leadership Chair to SPRC Chair or Operations Chair to Leadership Chair. Please know that Lynn, Walt and I ARE NOT going to switch positions; and will be taking a year off from administrative duties.

SPRC (or Staff Parish Relations Committee) Chairperson has the most job restrictions. The person must have served on SPRC currently or previously and must be a member of the church. SPRC works with all church employees to make sure their jobs go smoothly and work gets done. There is a committee of people that meets perhaps 9 times per year and the Chair also attends Leadership to report on SPRC meetings, keeping confidentiality in mind.

Operations Chairperson keeps track of church finances and the care and repair of the church building and parsonage. No, this person need not be handy or a CPA! He or she does need to ask questions about needs and progress and ask for volunteers. The Committee meets perhaps 7 times per year and the Chair also attends Leadership to report. Walt spends about 5 hours per month on this function.

Leadership Chairperson meets with leaders from each church committee: worship, Operations, Education, SPRC, Lay Leader to Annual Conference, and the Pastor to do the work of the church. We hear and respond to reports, concerns, needs and celebrations in the various aspects of the church. The group meets 10 times each year and the meetings are less than 2 hours long. I spend about 5 hours each month on this function.

Ideally, new volunteers would be able to attend meetings and learn procedures starting in November. Pastor Mary is generous with her time and talent to help people with details and responsibilities of the job. Obviously, Lynn, Walt and I would be available to answer questions. Please prayerfully and thoughtfully consider volunteering for these positions. We will not continue in our current roles and so others need to step forward to help the church run smoothly and continue its work in the world. Speak with one of us, Lynn, Walt or myself or Pastor Mary to learn more and volunteer.

Pub Theology

Pub Theology continues Monday, October 8th at 7:00pm, CB Craft Brewers.

"Beer, conversation & God"- all perspectives are welcome. For more information contact Duane Thompson.

SAVE THE DATE: Rummage Sale

The Church's' annual rummage sale will be October 18th – 20th this year! If you have donations, you can start bringing them in and put them in the basement.



Halloween Connections

On Sunday, October 21st, after worship, we will be filling care packages with Halloween goodies for students away at college or those in the armed services. Donations of home-baked cookies, microwaveable items, and other goodies are needed. If you would like to contribute, sign-up sheets are in the books. Please have ALL donations in the church kitchen no later than 10:00am on Sunday October 21st.

Contact the church office (624-3387 or office.hfumc@gmail.com) or Marie (624-1423) with the names and addresses of those who should be included or if you have any questions.

Thank you for all your help with this ministry.



Save the Date: Bishop Mark J. Webb's Regional Gatherings on A Way Forward

When: 4:00-6:00 P.M., Sunday, Oct. 14th (Clarence, NY) & Oct. 21st (Liverpool, NY)

Where: Clarence United Methodist Church (10205 Greiner Rd, Clarence, NY 14031)



Liverpool First United Methodist Church (604 Oswego Street, Liverpool, NY 13088)

Details: Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb is hosting gatherings around the Conference in preparation for Special Session of General Conference to talk about the report of the Commission on a Way Forward for The United Methodist Church.

Agenda:

1. Presentation of the plan and process of General Conference
2. Remembering our Mission
3. Worship and prayer

Feel free to contact Pastor Mary if you have any questions regarding this upcoming event.

You are cordially invited
to attend a
Dedication - Noon, following the
11 am Worship
Open House - Noon – 3:00 PM

To Celebrate HFUMC's
Accessibility Addition
on October 28, 2018

A family-style meal will be served at 12:30

Honeoye Falls United Methodist Church
31 East Street
Honeoye Falls, New York

Celebrate!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS...

10/3 - Tom Sellman

10/5 - Julie Dettman, Marie
Thompson



10/7 - Lisa Reniff

10/8 - Rhett Paraham

10/10 - Megan Forney

10/15 - Carole Eckhardt

10/23 - Eric Godshall

10/30 - Duane Thompson, Cassie
Jean Lyle

10/31 - Nicki DiBella

...AND ANNIVERSARIES

10/2 - Bob & Nancy Winans

10/8 - Ken & Anita Forney

10/14 - Duane & Marie Thompson




October


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00pm Leadership Meeting	2 7:00pm Bell Choir 7:45pm Mission & Outreach	3	4	5	6 8:00am Men's Club
7 World Communion Sunday 9:45am – Adult Sunday School 11:00am – Worship 12:00pm – Mission Brunch	 8 7:00pm Pub Theology, CB Craft Brewers	9 7:00pm Bell Choir 7:45pm Operations Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 9:45am – Adult Sunday School 11:00am – Worship 4:00pm – Bishop Webb's Regional Gathering, Clarence, NY	15 7:00pm SPRC Meeting	16 7:00pm Bell Choir	17	18 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	19	20
21 9:45am – Adult Sunday School 11:00am – Worship 12:00pm – Halloween Connections 4:00pm – Bishop Webb's Regional Gathering, Liverpool, NY	22	23 7:00pm Bell Choir	24	25	26	27
28 9:45am – Adult Sunday School 11:00am – Worship 12:00pm – Dedication of Handicap Accessibility Space	29 7:00pm Leadership Meeting	30 7:00pm Bell Choir	31 			

HFUMC Rummage Sale

Sunday Volunteers			
October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Greeters: Carole Eckhardt Lector: Joe Menear Sound: Chris Hunt Hospitality: Mission Brunch Counters: Sarah Mathias & Donna McCagg Flowers for Altar:	Greeters: Lynn Shipe Lector: Duane Thompson Sound: Ken Forney Hospitality: coffee only Counters: Duane Thompson & Sub Flowers for Altar: Carole Eckhardt	Greeters: Joe Menear & Helper Lector: Sarah Mathias Sound: Rick Shipe Hospitality: Fritz/Stahl Counters: Tom Sellman & Bob Winans Flowers for Altar: Connor	Greeters: Libby & Chad Day Lector: Carole Eckhardt Sound: Drew Moore Hospitality: coffee only Counters: Rick Shipe & Sub Flowers for Altar:

Peace is not the absence of trouble,
 But the presence of Christ.
 -- Sheila Walsh

PRAYER CLOSET



The "Prayer Mail" Email Address is hfumcprayer@gmail.com

If you notice that you haven't gotten a prayer email in a while, please check your junk or spam folder to see if they went there. Please add the email address in your contact list to ensure delivery in the future. If you think you may have been dropped from the list or would like to be added, please note this on the blue cards Sunday morning or contact the church office.

Strength, Healing and Guidance:

Bob & Kathy Wilkins (Sis Burton's brother-in-law & sister),	Upper NY Annual Conference & our church leaders,
Agnes Marlowe,	Joyce Connor (Bill Connor's mother),
Pastor Samuel and Community UMC (Uganda),	Patty Parham Debruin & Rhett Parham (Carole Eckhardt's children)
Debbie Bastow,	

Sympathy:

The Family of Chuck Vick,	The Family of Colleen Dunn	The Family of Otis Marlowe
The Family of Hilda Ferguson,	Robbins,	The Family of David Minick,
The Family of Flora (Sis) Burton,	The Family of Carol VanDusen,	The Family of Gladys Rublee (Darrell's mother)
	The Family of Clair Schaffner,	
	The Family of Roland Lyle (Eric's father)	

Women and Men Serving Our Country:

Stephen Battle USA	Jeffrey Krulick,	Tim Rowlinson USA,
Dennis Bonavilla,	Peter J. Lang USMC,	Mike and Charniah Smrekar USN, S
Joseph Bonavilla,	Douglas Ninkovick,	Steven Tschiderer USA,
Curtis Clark,	Airman Poffard,	Greg Dewey USN
Michael Fanton USN,	Michael Pullen USA,	
Scott Flood USA,	John Rider USAF,	

College Students:

Acadia Fairchild,	Lee Matthews,	Gwen Peters,
Clayton Firster,	Chance Moore,	Madison Sellman,
Trenton Firster,	Joseph Moore,	Justis Watts
Sarah Forney,	Riley O'Flynn,	
Liam Lyle,	Brett Peters,	



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Address Service Requested

“Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve”



- ✦ Pastor's Note
- ✦ Church Conference, Connection Addressed Needed
- ✦ Volunteers Needed
- ✦ Community News
- ✦ Celebrations
- ✦ Calender of Events
- ✦ 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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN 10:15AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

PASTOR: Rev. Mary Rublee
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Website: www.honeoyefallsumc.org

Office hours are posted weekly on the Church St. door and in the Sunday bulletin.

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Joe Blackburn 244-3538

MINISTERS: EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGREGATION

LEADERSHIP TEAM: Sarah Mathias 615-0305