

# Friendship Connection

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*"There is no fear in love. On the contrary, love that has achieved its goal gets rid of fear, because fear has to do with punishment; the person who keeps fearing has not been brought to maturity in regard to love."* (1 John 4:18, Complete Jewish Bible (CJB))

Over the years, 1 John 4:18 has comforted and meant a lot to me. It reminds me how to love others. It reminds me I can't be scared of "what ifs" when it comes to love. Many times, I'm reminded of this particular verse of scripture when I'm battling & tiring myself out, worried that I'll make the wrong decision.

I'm a type A personality; I'm like that energizer bunny...always going, going, going, wanting to do more, and striving for perfection. Don't get me wrong, I believe that God can use me & my personality in God's plans for the redemption and transformation of the world. Sometimes I catch myself thinking that God is uptight and restless like me, and is dissatisfied with what I'm doing. Yet, I also know in my head that God's good and gracious and loving; unfortunately, my thoughts and actions don't always demonstrate that I truly know this in my heart.

I doubt I'm alone in this. How many of us struggle with wondering if we could've been more selfless, been more soft spoken, or more loving? While these seem like good thoughts, they're not good when these thoughts are coming out of a place of fear.

1 John 4:19 goes on to say, *"We love because God first loved us."* Yes, we should do good things. Yes, there's a time to be selfless and to work on ourselves. The time for that though, is when we are moved by God's love for us. If our actions are coming out of a place of fear, God doesn't want them. On the other hand, if we're moved by God's amazing and perfect love and our actions are a result of this, then God will rejoice and be pleased with our actions. Don't get me wrong, our actions don't buy God's happiness. God's happiness, God's love for us, has already been given freely. After all, God sent Jesus to be one of us, to walk among us, and to show each and every one of us just how much God loves us. Are we really scared God will disown us because of our humanness?

Each time we come to The Lord's Table we're reminded that Jesus died and saved us while we were yet sinners. May we each remember where we came from. May we each remember that God reached out to us then, and God continuously reaches out to us each and every moment of our lives. May we not let our need to be perfect get in the way of God's never ending and unconditional grace, mercy and love.

Blessings & Shalom,  
Pastor Mary

## *Leadership Team Report*

This is a quick outline of information from the most recent Leadership Team Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Leadership Chair Sarah Mathias ([smathias55@gmail.com](mailto:smathias55@gmail.com), 585-615-0305) for more information.

The date for the Community Open House and Celebration of our Accessibility Project **has been changed to Sunday, October 28, noon-3pm.** The earlier date was not practical due to the accumulation of goods for the Rummage Sale. We are inviting people from the community and will offer a pulled pork meal family style in the will Fellowship Hall in the basement. **Please save the date!**

Fund raising to repay the Hennessey Fund for the Handicapped Accessible Project is progressing. We will continue to accept orders through the Celebration on Oct 28. Other donations have also been received.

The Ecumenical Community Worship Service for Honeoye Falls went very well. People enjoyed creating terrariums for each of the four churches (ours is in the library/adult Sunday School classroom) and enjoyed a tasty picnic and conversation after the service.

We have paid all current bills and in June and July \$2,000 was paid towards Ministry Shares.

Children's Sunday School will begin in September. It will meet every other week with Darlene Vullo teaching. Sarah McLaughlin will help teach the younger elementary children and have the handouts for the older elementary curriculum.

The Leadership Team is working on signage for the church to help visitors and newcomers find their way through the building. An Emergency Safety Plan is also in discussion.

Our church's annual Charge Conference Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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](mailto:office.hfumc@gmail.com). Any questions, please feel free to contact Marie (624-1423) or the church office (624-3387).

## *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.

## *Halloween Connections*

On Sunday, October 14th, 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, microwavable 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 14th.

**Contact the church office (624-3387 or [office.hfumc@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## *Ionia Fall Festival*

21st Annual Ionia Fall Festival, Saturday, September 15th, all day long, on the Ionia United Methodist Church grounds, 2120 Elton Rd., just off Rt 64 & north of Rts 5 & 20. Our Tractor Parade, now in its 15th year, will have tractors from all over western NY and is one of the largest in western NY! The parade begins at 1 PM, but you can look at the tractor & implement displays behind the church all day long. Begin your day with a delicious Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10AM; then later a Chicken BBQ 11:30AM until sold out; and the Chow Hut serves hot dogs, burgers and more 10:00-4:30. All day long: Cake & Dessert Wheel; Coin Toss; Historical & Other Displays; Games; Hayrides to the Wolk Observatory; Helimission's helicopter, Vendors & Crafters; Scout Demonstrations; & much, much more. More information is on our website: [www.ioniaumc.org](http://www.ioniaumc.org)! Come for a fun fall day in the country!



**HFUMC will be cooking and serving the Chicken BBQ!** Volunteers will be needed during cooking (8am – 3pm) and serving (11:00am – 5:00pm or sold out)! Please sign up in the books at church! Questions – contact Rick Shipe at 585-474-0614

## *Rally Day - September 9<sup>th</sup>*

**Golf Outing:** Come out and play 9 holes of Golf at **Lima Country Club**, 7470 Chase Rd., Lima NY 14485 at **1:00pm**. There will be sign-up sheets in the books. Any questions, contact Duane Thompson.

The Thompson's will host a family picnic at their home, 2630 Clay Street in Lima at 3:30pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen relationships and get to know new people. **You only need to bring a dish to pass**; the table service, beverages and meat will be provided. There will be sign-up sheets in the books. For questions call the Thompson's at 624-1423.

## *Bell Choir*



Bell Choir rehearsals will resume on September 25<sup>th</sup>! New members are encouraged to join us then! No previous experience is necessary. We love to teach new people how to ring, and the bells teach you how to enjoy this form of worship. Questions – contact Joe Blackburn (585-244-3538 or [jwb1@frontiernet.net](mailto:jwb1@frontiernet.net))!

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



Pub Theology continues Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> this year! If you have donations, you can start bringing them in and put them in the basement.



## Tile Wall Fundraiser for the Lift Project

We will be selling tiles to install on the wall of the new lift area as our first fundraiser to repay the money borrowed to make this project a reality. We will be selling tiles thru the early summer and then plan a day to paint/decorate them in late summer/early fall.

There will be order forms in the books each week and also available on our website. Please fill out the forms and then return them in the offering plate or mail them to the church along with cash or check (made payable to HFUMC with Tile Project in the memo line). Any questions or comments, please contact Jan Connor (585-582-6269) or Betsy O'Flynn (585-624-3229).

# Celebrate!

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS...



- 9/4 - Emily Winans
- 9/5 - Jan Connor
- 9/10 - Margot Long
- 9/16 - Jane Minick
- 9/18 - Elizabeth Fairchild

## ...AND ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/11 - Joe & Shirley Menear
- 9/12 - Jeff & Liz Machiele
- 9/29 - Dave & Jean Fritz





# September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Sept 1 – Sept 30: Pastor Mary away on Renewal Leave. For Pastoral Emergencies, contact Rev. Virginia Tyler Smith at 585-315-6604.</p>						<b>1</b> <b>8:00am</b> Men's Club
<b>2</b> <b>9:45am</b> – Adult Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> – Worship	<b>3</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>	<b>4</b> <b>7:45pm</b> Mission & Outreach Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>9:45am</b> – Adult Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> – Worship <b>1:00pm</b> – Rally Day Golf Outing, Lima Country Club <b>3:30pm</b> – Rally Day Picnic, Thompson (2630 Clay St, Lima)	<b>10</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Pub Theology, CB Craft Brewers	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Ionia Fall Festival
<b>16</b> <b>9:45am</b> – Adult Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> – Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>9:45am</b> – Adult Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> – Worship	<b>24</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Leadership Meeting	<b>25</b> <b>7:00pm</b> Bell Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>9:45am</b> – Adult Sunday School <b>11:00am</b> – Worship						

### Sunday Volunteers

September 2	September 9	September 16	September 23	September 30
<b>Greeters:</b> Lynn Shipe <b>Lector:</b> Fae Burt <b>Sound:</b> Chris Hunt <b>Hospitality:</b> coffee only <b>Counters:</b> Sarah Mathias & Donna McCagg <b>Flowers for Altar:</b> Connor	<b>Greeters:</b> Bill & Jan Connor <b>Lector:</b> Terri Fischetti <b>Sound:</b> Ken Forney <b>Hospitality:</b> Connor <b>Counters:</b> Duane Thompson & Sub <b>Flowers for Altar:</b> Barnes	<b>Greeters:</b> Valerie Reuman <b>Lector:</b> Jess McMakin <b>Sound:</b> Rick Shipe <b>Hospitality:</b> Thompson <b>Counters:</b> Tom Sellman & Bob Winans <b>Flowers for Altar:</b> Connor	<b>Greeters:</b> MaryJo Stahl & Jean Fritz <b>Lector:</b> Ray McCagg <b>Sound:</b> Drew Moore <b>Hospitality:</b> coffee only <b>Counters:</b> Rick Shipe & Sub <b>Flowers for Altar:</b> Connor	<b>Greeters:</b> Ray & Donna McCagg <b>Lector:</b> Jan Connor <b>Sound:</b> Fae Burt <b>Hospitality:</b> Watts <b>Counters:</b> Bob Winans & Sub <b>Flowers for Altar:</b>

**“Pray as though everything depended on God.  
 Work as though everything depended on you.”**  
 --St. Augustine

# PRAYER CLOSET



The "Prayer Mail" Email Address is [hfumcprayer@gmail.com](mailto: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 Roland Lyle
The Family of Hilda Ferguson,	Robbins,	(Eric's father)
The Family of Flora (Sis) Burton,	The Family of Carol VanDusen,	The Family of Otis Marlowe
	The Family of Clair Schaffner,	

## *Women and Men Serving Our Country:*

Stephen Battle USA	Jeffrey Krulick,	Tim Rowlinson USA,
Dennis Bonavilla,	Peter J. Lang USMC,	Mike and Charniah Smrekar
Joseph Bonavilla,	Douglas Ninkovick,	USN, S
Curtis Clark,	Airman Poffard,	Steven Tschiderer USA,
Michael Fanton USN,	Michael Pullen USA,	Greg Dewey USN
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
- ✦ Leadership Team Update & Connection Addressed Needed
- ✦ Volunteers Needed & Halloween Connections
- ✦ Ionia Fall Festival, Rally Day, Bell Choir & Accessibility Dedication
- ✦ 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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**CHURCH OFFICE:** Secretary: Jillian Lloyd  
585-624-3387 office.hfumc@gmail.com  
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**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