



# Spiritual Harvest

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Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors

## Trumansburg UMC

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## Pastor's Message Let There Be Light!

The stained glass windows are out and the light is shining in. The work on the bricks is also underway.

One of our past bishops went on a trip to China. At that point, China was just beginning to give more freedom to Christians. They (the bishop and those with her) visited a church. It was winter, and there was no heat. She offered to give them the funds to put in a heating system. They said that they didn't want that, because then they would have to pay the heating bill with money that could otherwise go for God's work.

So what is a "church"?

We usually use that word to refer to the building: "I'll see you in church!" "I'm parked at the church." etc. But we know that the church is not really a building. The building is where the church meets. The building is also a tool. It is not essential to God's work, but it is useful. The building allows us to serve the community and God's people by providing space for everything from AA to the Food Pantry and Robotics. It is also a convenient and (mostly) comfortable place to gather for worship and for committees to meet to plan God's work.

I have served congregations for whom the building was a shrine. Just about everything they did was centered around "keeping the church open". Some of these congregations also didn't like the idea of "them" (anyone not "us") using the building. These are the "churches" that end up closing their doors.

A good craftsman takes care of her tools. They may be cherished, but they are cared for because they get the work done.

Trumansburg United Methodist Church is us. We make God's love known to God's people. Some of that happens in the building. A lot of it happens beyond the walls.

So go ahead and keep on referring to "our church" of brick and glass. It has served many generations of God's people here, and it will serve those who come after us to serve others.

And invite someone who is not "us" to "come to church" and see what Christ's followers do.

Sunday morning is only one aspect of our worship. Embodying Christ's love is where true worship happens.

Bring your sunglasses, and bring a friend.

See you in church!

*Rev. Jeff*

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[WWW.TRUMANSBURGUMC.ORG](http://WWW.TRUMANSBURGUMC.ORG)

## Thank you...

Submitted by Cheryl Hine

I wish to thank and honor the people who dedicated their time to the *Growing with God* spiritual retreats. On four different Saturdays, spanning January – May, twelve people set aside their everyday demands and worries, and we gathered as spiritual companions to acknowledge the ways we feel broken and splintered, to be still, to pray, to learn new ways of praying, to be aware of the rhythms of our lives, and to be open to the flow of God's will. Being with a dedicated, faithful group of disciples was an experience I will always remember, and I want to thank each person who was part of the experience. We learned, we made new friends and strengthened the bonds of existing friendships, and best of all, we opened ourselves to new possibilities for following God.

Leading the *Growing with God* retreats with me was Rev. Beverly Davenport from VanEtten, and her insights were very enriching. Our group included two people from Elmira, a couple from Mecklenburg, one person from Romulus, and seven from our own Trumansburg UMC. This church is very inviting and gracious, and those qualities were present in all the conversations and.... the food! Special thanks go to Dick Peterson for putting on early morning coffee, Chris Kimball-Peterson for her oh-so-wonderful treats and for introducing us to Oui yogurt, and to Eileen Collins and Mary Louise Gallagher for bringing delicious treats and healthy fruit. For our last session, everyone brought food for a dish-to-pass meal following a brief sharing of Holy Communion. Each person's contribution and presence made our closing session so exceptional.

Most of all, I thank everyone in the group for their commitment to the four sessions. Your participation ensured that each session of *Growing with God* was interesting, meaningful, and a testimony to our desire to seek God in whatever way God chooses to be revealed to us.

## Save Up Your Change and Greenbacks...

Submitted by Bill Grove

We need your support for this year's **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Complimentary Veterans Day Breakfast**, planned for **Sunday, November 10**. Attendance was up last year, and we exhausted our breakfast expense reserve. We're hoping to serve even more people this year, so we need your help. Please save the date on your calendar.



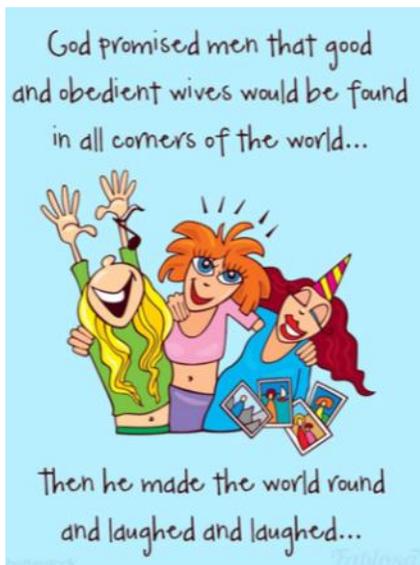
There will be **upcoming Noisy Offerings**, over the summer and early fall to refill our reserve, one which will have already happened, but watch or one around July 4th and perhaps one near Labor day.



### Special dates

- Pentecost, *June 9, 2019*
- Flag Day, *June 14, 2019*
- Trinity Sunday, *June 16, 2019*
- Father's Day, *June 16, 2019*
- First day of summer, *June 21, 2019*

Summer Lakeside Services have not yet been determined, watch your e-news for them or contact the church office (387-9024).



*The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.*

Proverbs 8:22, NRSV



### Call for Grads...

***Do you know of anyone graduating this year?*** Please let the TUMC office know. We want to recognize them on Dads and Grads Sunday (June 16). Call 387-9024 or e-mail [tumc@fltg.net](mailto:tumc@fltg.net).

## Hat's Off.....

Submitted by Mary Jamison



To those who are almost ALWAYS in the kitchen during/after coffee hours washing up and helping to clean up - like **Julie Messenger** (who says she doesn't do "ovens/baking" very well, but can help with dishes, etc., AND SHE DOES), **Steve Ketcham** (who says it's a good way to get your hands clean); **Dick Peterson**; **Gerry Reynolds** and **Charlie Dyke**, who just jump in and lend a hand in the sink - among others I may have missed. These "DISHPAN/DISHCLOTH WARRIORS" offer an invaluable service every Sunday, and haven't even signed up to help! Charlie and Dick and others step in frequently to make coffee for Sunday mornings and seem to enjoy being of service in that way.

Then there's Rosemary Terry who faithfully keeps track/guards/buys coffee for Sundays (welcomes your monetary donations for this -- watch for the collection basket). Thank you faithful and willing servants!

Let's not forget **those who sign up Sunday after Sunday** to prepare something for the wonderful, welcomed Fellowship after service. God bless and thank you one and all! IF YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR COFFEE HOUR IN A WHILE OR EVER, THERE ARE ALWAYS OPENINGS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER - CHECK THE CALENDAR - WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN IN THE FUN!

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## The Good Word needs your help...

By Chris Kimball-Peterson, Coordinator

The Good Word has been part of this Church's community ministry for over 25 years! There has been an increase in usage of the Good Word. When times are bad or during time of crisis, which I feel our country is in, people call the Good Word, to help them cope. Just to hear scripture from the bible, is maybe all they need.

Unfortunately, volunteers to do this important ministry are decreasing. I would like everyone in the congregation to dial 387-8202, listen to the person who is doing the devotion in providing a spiritual lift for you on that day. It's easy to do the Good Word. You don't need to record a daily devotion. I know that you have busy lives. It takes less than 5 minutes a day to record the devotion, but it provides someone with 1,320 minutes of comfort per day! If you are interested in volunteering to help this important ministry talk to me about this special and worthwhile ministry. You can contact me either by calling 387-4990 or e-mailing me at [clkp329@aol.com](mailto:clkp329@aol.com).

The last thing I want to do is discontinue this ministry!



## A note from the Trustees.....

Submitted by Dick Peterson, on behalf of the Trustees

Another month rolls by, and it seems the rains won't stop. The rainy weather has made it difficult for John Hackett to resume brick repairs on the west and north walls and the interior of the bell tower. But he is ready to go and will likely complete the work within 4 – 6 weeks (weather permitting!!).

The same issue has hampered Tony Serviente as he begins removing all of our stained glass windows. He removed the Garden of Gethemane window on May 17 and 18. The window is in bad shape, so it is good we are

able to tackle this necessary work. With just one window removed, the sanctuary is very bright. When all windows are removed, feel free to bring sunglasses to services.

Progress of this work will be shared with all of you in the newsletter and in the e-News. If you happen to stop by the church to check out the brick and window work, feel free to say hello to the workers and cheer them on. Also, remember that Tony Serviente will be joining us at coffee hour on May 26<sup>th</sup> to explain the window refurbishing process and to answer questions.

Our spring barbecue and pie sale was a huge success. Saturday, May 18 turned out to be the best Spring day so far. Also, the annual plant sale at the Presbyterian Church and the village-wide yard sale brought a large number of buyers into town. The pies were delivered early and the chicken was ready to sell by 9:30, which is a rarity. We were sold out by noon!

The barbecue/pie sale doesn't happen without a lot of help. I want to thank many people who are always ready to help. First, in the setting up and preparation of the barbecue pit. Carl Benham always takes care of that well before barbecue day. Next the sauce must be made. We now increase the recipe by 50% so that we have plenty of basing sauce so that the chicken is flavorful and moist. Carl and Peg Benham have been making the sauce for several years, and they have it down to a science. On barbecue day, the cooking staff begin arriving by 6:15,



I kind of like the way the cross is at the open window in the first photo, the second one is when they were preparing to take out the Gethemane window. Many more photos as time goes along can be found at: [http://trumansburgumc.org/capital\\_campaign\\_progress\\_brick\\_windows](http://trumansburgumc.org/capital_campaign_progress_brick_windows)

and the fire is lit with a bang by 6:45. The chicken halves are all on the racks and cooking by 7:30. Thank you to all of our great cooking staff: Carl Benham, Bill Grove, Steve Huber, Pete Jager, Cal Organ and Jerry Reynolds. This is a hard working group, and they make sure the chicken is done right. No barbecue is successful without a great sales staff. The sales tables were staffed by Peg Benham, Judi Eastburn, Jeannette Foster and head bagger, Steve Huber. Finally, a pie sale requires excellent pie bakers, and no church can beat the wonderful pie makers at TUMC. Thank you to all of the bakers for 48 tasty pies! So, how did we do? All of that work brought in a net profit of \$1,228.05!! It was truly a great day.



Chicken being taken off the grill early!

By the way, the constant Spring rains hamper lawn mowing, too. But we are pleased to say that our volunteer lawn care team of Alex Mitchell and his Dad, Jack, have taken care of the mowing between rain storms, and the lawn looks great. Thanks, so much, Alex and Jack. It is a wonderful service you are providing, and we are blessed.

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#### **Editor's notes...**

I was fully planning on starting the photo contest I talked about in the last newsletter as well as announced at church but it will need to wait until the next issue to begin. I have developed a health issue that I have to deal with and therefore might be laid up for a while and not be able to check my box at church as well as my email so thought it better to push the contest till next issue but I am very excited about it and have been given, so far, some great photos! Please think about digging out those old baby through high school photos and send to me by email attachment or put in my newsletter box at church.

Eileen Collins will be collecting and depositing any checks that come for the Capital Campaign in my absence, if I am not able. You will find an updated Committee and other groups list in this issue.

I am going into Upstate Medical for an angioplasty on Thursday, May 23. I am told they will follow up with whatever procedure they deem needed possibly at that time so I am facing either an overnight stay up to a week's stay. I'm hoping for only the overnight! Not to go into too much info but I have developed ulcers on my left foot which they think is caused by limited blood flow to that foot and therefore they are looking to see if I have a minor or major blockage in the vein. I can use your prayers.

Our next issue will be the summer issue which will cover July/August. That will come out sometime in early July. Hope you all have a marvelous summer ....

**Trumansburg United Methodist Church**  
**2019 Officers, Standing Committees, and Other Groups**  
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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES (elected offices)**

<b>CHURCH COUNCIL: <i>All persons with vote shall be members of the local church</i></b>			
<b>Council Chair*</b>	Sue Brower	<b>Lay Member to Ann. Conference*</b>	Mary Louise Gallagher
<b>S/PPRC Chair*</b>	Peter Cooke	<b>UMW Rep*</b>	None
<b>TAC Rep*</b>	Eileen Collins	<b>Voting Members at Large*</b> Bill Grove; Steve Huber; Nancy Irish; Ellen Mitterer	
<b>Treasurer*</b>	Julie Messenger		
<b>Trustee Chair*</b>	Dick Peterson		
<b>Finance Chair*</b>	<b>TBD</b>		
<b>Pastor*</b>	Rev. Jeff Losey	<b>Capital Campaign Representative to Council</b> Charlie Dyke	
<b>Lay Leader*</b>	Mary Louise Gallagher		
<b>Lay Servants***</b>	Judi Eastburn; Mary Louise Gallagher; Ronda Ketcham; Chris Kimball-Peterson (Sr. Lay Servant); Susan McCormick; and Pat Love		

\* *Voting position*

\*\* *Charged with oversight to move forward with Hand to Plow initiatives/direction; with voting rights; if multiple voting roles, only vote once.*

\*\*\* *The Senior Lay Servant votes. If the Lay Leader and Senior Lay Servant are not in attendance; the Lay Servant voting rights go in order of seniority to the next Lay Servant who does not already have voting right.*

<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>	
<b>Rev. Jeff Losey, Pastor – Mary Louise Gallagher, Lay Leader and Lay Member</b>	
Chair - <b>TBD</b>	Trustee Chair - Dick Peterson
Council Chair - Sue Brower	Lay Member - Mary Louise Gallagher
Treasurer - Julie Messenger	Pastor - Rev. Jeff Losey
Financial Secretary - Eileen Collins	Lay Leader - Mary Louise Gallagher
Assistant Financial Secretary - Judi Eastburn	Members at Large - Steve Ketcham, David Raymond

<b>BOARD OF TRUSTEES: <i>1/3 women; 1/3 men; 1/3 either – 2/3 must be members</i></b>		
<b>Rev. Jeff Losey, Pastor – Mary Louise Gallagher, Lay Leader and Lay Member</b>		
<b>Class of 2019</b>	<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>
Joe Sibley, <b>member</b>	Dick Peterson <b>member</b>	Tina Stanton, <b>not member</b>
Peg Benham, <b>member</b>	Eric Hallman <b>member</b>	Jim Zifchock, <b>not member</b>
Bill Grove, <b>member</b>	Steve Huber <b>member</b>	Cal Organ, <b>member</b>

<b>STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE: <i>all must be members</i></b>		
<b>Rev. Jeff Losey, Pastor – Mary Louise Gallagher, Lay Leader and Lay Member</b>		
<b>Class of 2019</b>	<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>
Marc Kaplan, <b>member</b>	Judi Eastburn, <b>member</b>	Peter Cooke, <b>member</b>
Susan Lodinsky, <b>member</b>	Charlie Dyke, <b>member</b>	Paula Austic, <b>member</b>
<b>TBD</b>	Karen Dean, <b>member</b>	Mary Ochs, <b>member</b>

<b>NOMINATIONS AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: <i>all must be members</i></b>		
<b>Rev. Jeff Losey, Chair – Mary Louise Gallagher, Lay Leader and Lay Member</b>		
<b>Class of 2019</b>	<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>
Mary Alice Freeman, <b>member</b>	David Raymond, <b>member</b>	Sylvia Mitchell, <b>member</b>
Jerry Reynolds, <b>member</b>	Rosemary Terry, <b>member</b>	

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**PROGRAM COMMITTEES AND MINISTRIES**  
(non-elected offices)

**ACOLYTES:** (see Rev. Jeff Losey)

**ALTAR GUILD:** Co-chairs - Suzanne Organ & Joan Organ  
Marie Rich (Jan); Sylvia Mitchell (Feb); Karen Dean (Mar); Eileen Collins (Apr); Kay Cooke (May); Ellen Mitterer (Jun); Monica Pritchard (Jul); Deb Pfautsch (Aug); Suzanne Organ (Sept); Roxanne Smith (Oct); Carol Grove (Nov); Joan Organ (Dec); Mary Jamison – emergency alternate.

**BANNER HANGING:** Susan Lodinsky

**BAZAAR COORDINATORS:** Peg Benham, Judi Eastburn

**CAMPERSHIP COORDINATOR:** Ronda Ketcham

**CHURCH HISTORIAN:** Mary Jamison

**COFFEE HOUR COODINATORS:** Rosemary Terry, Susan McCormick, Mary Jamison

**COMMUNICATION:**

**FACEBOOK:** [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) | Trumansburg United Methodist Church  
Nancy Irish, Carol Grove, Judi Eastburn, Suzanne Organ

**NEWSLETTER:** *The Spiritual Harvest*  
Editor – Judi Eastburn; Printing – TUMC Office; Address Labels – Carol Grove;  
Folding/Mailing – Phyllis and Marc Kaplan; David Raymond – alternate

**TUMC e-NEWS:** Weekly news, notes, and reminders:  
Carol Grove

**TUMC Website:** [www.trumansburgumc.org](http://www.trumansburgumc.org):  
Judi Eastburn, Webmaster

**COMMUNION STEWARD(s):** Mary Alice Freeman

**FOOD PANTRY (Trumansburg) PROGRAM REPS:** Dorothy Manheim, Peg Benham  
TUMC Reps to Steering Committee: Peg Benham, Karen Dean, Dottie Manheim; Carol Grove (TAC Liaison)

**FUNERAL RECEPTIONS** (contacts): Mary Jamison, Ronda Ketcham, Mary Alice Freeman, Ellen Mitterer

**GOOD WORD TELEPHONE MINISTRY (607-387-8202)** Coordinator – Chris Kimball-Peterson  
Eileen Collins, Carol Grove, Connie Ike, Mary Jamison, Rev. Jeff Losey, Susan McCormick, Sylvia Mitchell,  
Ellen Mitterer, Trudy VanOstrand

**GREETERS/USHERS COORDINATORS:** Jim & Rosemary Terry, Dick & Chris Kimball-Peterson

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**Program Committees & Ministries continued:**

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY:** TUMC Administrative Assistant, Beth Organ

**MISSION AND OUTREACH GROUP:** Rich Flaville, Mary Louise Gallagher, Steve Huber, Ronda Ketcham, Sue McCormick, Joe Sibley

**NEW YEAR'S DAY DINNER:** Coordinator – Chris Kimball-Peterson

**PAID STAFF:**

Pastor – Rev. Dr. Jeff Losey  
Administrative Assistant – Beth Organ  
Music Director – Jack Darling; Keyboardist – Francine Darling

**PAID SERVICES:**

Custodians – Jean Jay's Cleaning Group  
Parsonage (year-round) – Perfect Lawns Unlimited, Rob Robinson  
Snow removal - church parking lot – P&S Excavating, sidewalks – Perfect Lawns Unlimited  
Houseworth Heating & Plumbing (when needed); Pat Cozzarin's Pest Management (when needed)

**PRAYER CHAIN CONTACTS:** Mary Jamison; Judi Eastburn (back-up); Rev. Jeff Losey

**RECYCLED MAGAZINES TO HOSPITAL OUTREACH PROGRAM:** Pat Love, Coordinator

**(Future) TRANSITION TEAM:** To be enacted at time of pastoral change by Church Council and SPPRC

**TRUMANSBURG AREA CHURCHES (TAC):** Rev. Jeff Losey, Eileen Collins

**TRUMANSBURG UNITED METHODIST WOMEN (UMW)**

President – Sylvia Mitchell; Vice-President – Susan McCormick; Treasurer – Betsy Crossgrove;  
Secretary – Janyce Fergus; and Secretary of RADA Cutlery & Sweaters for Guideposts – Shirley Boyes

**WELCOME AND SUPPORT:** Mission & Outreach Group  
TUMC Welcome Brochure, pew cards, pew pads - see Carol Grove for templates

**WORSHIP TEAM** (participation open to anyone interested):

Leader:	Rev. Jeff Losey
Lay Leader:	Mary Louise Gallagher
Music:	Jack and Francine Darling
Altar Guild Chairs:	Suzanne Organ, Joan Organ
Communion Steward:	Mary Alice Freeman
Lay Servants:	Chris Kimball-Peterson (Sr. Lay Servant), Ronda Ketcham, Judi Eastburn, Susan McCormick, Pat Love

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Please check the calendar for June on our web site or check with your committee chair for meeting dates/times

Altar Guild Rep for May: Ellen Mitterer  
Alt. Monica Prtichard



**BIG SHOES TO FILL**

*How beautiful*  
are the feet of those who  
preach the good news!"

ROMANS 10:15, ESV

