



Spiritual Harvest

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Open Hearts - Open Minds - Open Doors

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Pastor's Message The promised Land

One of my favorite vignettes in the tale of the Exodus from Egypt is when the Hebrews longed for "the flesh-pots of Egypt". The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the Lord's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." (Exodus 16:3)

What is it about us humans that we tend to complain about things more than celebrate? Here are God's people - freed from slavery and oppression - on their way to the land promised to them by YHWH* and they are grumbling about not having meat to eat and looking back longingly at their time of slavery!



Thanksgiving day is late this year, November 28th. But I encourage you to get an early start on it. The original Thanksgiving day was first suggested as a day to complain to God. Those early settlers had a lot to complain about. Only about half of those who arrived survived the first winter. They did not know how to grow crops. With the help of the local Native Americans, they did manage to bring in a meager harvest. That led to the three day celebration that became "Thanksgiving Day".

We live in one of the affluent and secure countries in the world in a time when food is abundant. We have safe homes, central heating, more clothes than will fit in our closets, etc., etc. There is so much to be thankful for! And that is not even mentioning our gratitude to God for our very lives in Christ and our place in God's family.

Psychologists and their studies have shown that an attitude of gratitude improves both our psychological and physical health.

So take some time every day to keep a "gratitude journal". Those experts who seem to know a lot about everything recommend listing five things each day that we are grateful for.

As January 1st approaches, I can tell you that you all are very high on my list. It has been, and will be for the next two months, an honor and a privilege to be in ministry among you.

Rev. Jeff

***Editor's note:** In case you are wondering, like me, YHWH (Yahweh is the principal **name** in the Old Testament by which **God** reveals himself).

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WWW.TRUMANSBURGUMC.ORG



Advent Season – A Time for Giving

Submitted by Chris-Kimball-Peterson, Worship Committee Secretary

A friend of mine, who works for the Mexico, NY Food Pantry, sent me an interesting article about using the Advent Calendar to supply a box of food to give to food pantries, who will then give the food out to those in need, during the holiday season.

Each day, from December 1 to December 24, people can add an item to a box. Then on Christmas Eve or shortly after, the box(es) would be donated to the Food Pantry. I plan on having several boxes lined up in the back of the sanctuary starting on December 1st. The list will be available at the back of the church starting November 17th. Each box will be labeled by date(s) and what should be donated. Now, I am fully aware that you (the congregation) cannot come to church every day to donate whatever is on that day, but you can put them in the box(es) on Sunday. Now, **you are not limited to the number of items you want to give.** Let's say on Dec. 3rd – the item is stuffing mix, you can bring x number of boxes if you want **OR donate** 3 boxes of stuffing mix and maybe 3 cans of spaghetti sauce, which the is Dec. 18th food item.

Here is the list:

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| Dec. 1 – box of cereal | Dec. 13 – canned beans (Pork & Beans) |
| Dec. 2 – peanut butter | Dec. 14 – box of crackers |
| Dec. 3 – stuffing mix | Dec. 15 – package of rice |
| Dec. 4 – boxed potatoes | Dec. 16 – package of oatmeal |
| Dec. 5 – box of macaroni & cheese | Dec. 17 – package of pasta |
| Dec. 6 – canned fruit | Dec. 18 – spaghetti sauce |
| Dec. 7 – canned tomatoes | Dec. 19 – chicken noodle soup |
| Dec. 8 – canned tuna | Dec. 20 – tomato soup |
| Dec. 9 – dessert mix | Dec. 21 – canned corn |
| Dec. 10 – jar of applesauce | Dec. 22 – can of mixed vegetables |
| Dec. 11 – canned sweet potatoes | Dec. 23 – canned carrots |
| Dec. 12 – cranberry sauce | Dec. 24 – canned green beans |

Let's spread some Joy from the Trumansburg United Methodist Church!



Special dates

- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2019*
- Daylight-Saving Time ends, *November 3, 2019*
- TUMC Veterans Day Breakfast/Worship at Legion, *November 10, 2019*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2019*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 24, 2019*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 28, 2019*



Thanks for your support to the Trumansburg 2019 CWS Crop Walk. Whether thru donation, walking, baking or another helping act, it was very much appreciated. As of Sunday, we had reached the total of \$2244, but donations may still be coming in. We have shared our blessings with many, both locally and on a world basis. Thanks to you all!

Pat Love & Julie Messenger



**Remember to turn back
those Clocks 2 AM,
November 3, 2019!**

2019 ALTAR GUILD / POINSETTIA ORDERS



The Altar Guild is ready to take your order for Poinsettia! You are invited to order a poinsettia in honor/memory of a loved one. **The poinsettias will be used in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve.** A memorial list will be published in the church bulletin and in our newsletter, *Spiritual Harvest*. You can take your poinsettia(s) home after either of the Christmas Eve services. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation to the Altar Guild instead of ordering a poinsettia.

Please fill out the form below, and:

- . Give it, along with your payment **(\$12.00 each)**, to Joan or Suzanne Organ; or
- . Put it in the collection plate (clearly marked); or
- . Mail it to the church office: Trumansburg United Methodist Church, PO Box 628, Trumansburg, NY 14886, **ATTENTION:** Altar Guild/Joan Organ & Suzanne Organ
- . Cost = \$12.00 each.
- . Make checks payable to: *Trumansburg United Methodist Church*.
- . Clearly note what the check is for: 1) poinsettia, or 2) Altar Guild donation.

Orders are due no later than Sunday, December 8, 2019

Your name: _____ Telephone No. _____

	QUANTITY
POINSETTIA ~ RED POINSETTIA 6" POT ~	

In honor or memory (please circle one) of: _____

I would like to make a monetary donation to the Altar Guild in lieu of a poinsettia.

In honor or memory (please circle one) of: _____

Delivery Instructions (please mark your preference):

- ☐ Deliver to a shut-in? Yes _____ No _____ (will take home) _____
(We encourage you to make your own delivery, if possible.)
- ☐ Please take my poinsettia to anyone who would enjoy it!

6th Annual
VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Trumansburg American Legion Post 770
4431 Seneca Road, Trumansburg

8-11 AM Breakfast Buffet

Between 9:30-10 AM

Midmorning Service with Roll Call

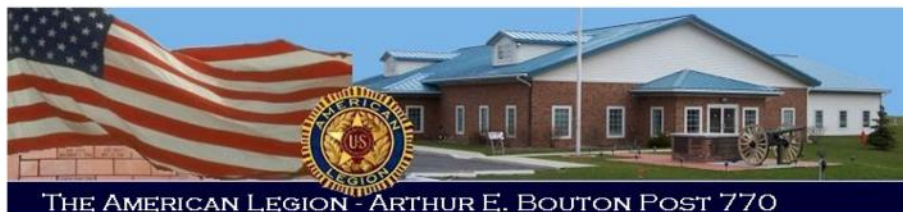


The Trumansburg United Methodist Church and American Legion Post 770 will again host a complimentary breakfast for Military Veterans, Active Service Personnel and their families, and the families of Those Who Gave All.

The Finger Lakes Fife and Drum Corps
will join us again this year!

Rides are available | Call the TUMC Office | 607-387-9024

We hope to see you there!



THE AMERICAN LEGION - ARTHUR E. BOUTON POST 770

34th Annual

Christmas Bazaar & Luncheon

Saturday, December 7

Christmas Bazaar

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Homemade Soup, Salad & Bread Luncheon

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM



We're almost there! You have one more month to polish off those projects you've been working on, to check out new recipes for the bake sale and luncheon, and to maybe dream up something new to offer.



Our team is ready and waiting. UMW ladies **Shirley Boyes** and **Sylvia Mitchell** have RADA cutlery order forms ready for you. **Meg Gaige** is working with her homemade soup, salad, & bread crew. **Cathy Hoover** and **Joan Manheim** are ready to pretty up the bulletin boards by making them Christmas festive-looking. **Dottie Manheim** and **Sandi Reynolds** are all set to price mountains of cinnamon rolls, cookies, fudge, and more. Plus we have crafters, bakers, cashiers, and decorators in place. Set-up and take-down crews are still getting organized. And last but not least, co-coordinators **Carol Grove** and **Ronda Ketcham**, are making their lists and checking them twice. **Ready. Set. Go.**

Do you want to join in the fun? Do you want a specific job? Do you need more information? Just give us a call, and we'll fill you in!

Carol Grove

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Ronda Ketcham

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Only 11 weeks to January 1, 2020!

Submitted by Chris Kimball-Peterson, Chair, New Year's Day Dinner Committee

Now that fall has arrived, I have been busily decorating the house with the smell of pumpkin scented candles, fall leaves and fall placemats, table runners etc. I am also thinking about ordering my fresh turkey for our family annual Thanksgiving dinner. So...my next thought is turkey for the 98th Annual New Year's Day dinner.

In last year's news article, I brought up our Mission Statement's last 4 lines:

As the **Trumansburg United Methodist Church**, in the spirit of Christ's teachings, we:
Learn and explore the wonders and challenges of life; Grow and share in God's
Fellowship; and Serve for the good of all.

I stressed the last 2 bullet points saying, "that is exactly what the New Year's Dinner is all about."

The holiday season can be stressful for many of us. First of all, the Christmas Bazaar is 4 weeks before the New Year Day Dinner and many of us sign-up to bring baked goods or help with the bazaar and then I come along and you get a phone call from one of the many solicitors to donate ingredients for the dinner, or bake a pie or even more, donate a turkey! But, don't forget, Christmas comes between the bazaar and the dinner and all of you are busy getting ready for that holiday!!!

Then just to make things really interesting – I proposed at the Worship Committee a "Food Collection" as part of the Advent Calendar. More information under "Advent Season – A time for Giving" article.

Well, back to the 98th New Years Day Dinner. Most of you know what is needed. You may be asked to provide 2 ingredients for the dinner, as our numbers are dwindling but please do not say "NO!". I know that many of you cannot physically volunteer, but perhaps a monetary donation will help defray the cost. Donations cut down on final expenses and therefore **MORE PROFITS!** In 2019 we made \$2,145 after expenses, I would like to continue this tradition

Some of you, over the past few years, have graciously helped out on December 30th to clean dishes, or December 31st, to peel potatoes, cut-up bread for the stuffing, or chopping up veggie's for the cole slaw, etc.

Your generosity is much appreciated!

Think about this very important ministry that our church provides. When it comes time, I know that this congregation will "step up to the plate."



A note from the Trustees.....

Submitted by Dick Peterson

Chicken Barbecue and Pie Sale

October 5th was a great day for chicken and pies. We had 49 wonderful pies and we barbecued 200 chicken halves. The pies and chicken were a sellout and we had a profit of nearly \$1,100. Thanks to all who baked pies, helped with the barbecue, sold pies and chicken out front and helped with cleanup. It was a good day!

Stained Glass windows

The stained glass windows are ready for installation. Tony Serviente has been waiting for weeks for a special lift he needs for the installation. He may finally get the lift Columbus Day week. He was going to install the large Garden of Gethsemane window first, but he has decided to do the lower windows while waiting for the lift. The windows should be in place in time for our dedication on October 27th. It has been a long wait and your patience is appreciated. Thank you all for the support that has made this happen. (**Editor's note:** As of This Sunday, Oct. 20 some of the downstairs windows were back)

Brick repair work

All of the brick work has been completed. The last task was the interior of the bell tower. John Hackett and his crew have done an excellent job and we shouldn't have to worry about the brick exterior for many years to come. Again, we thank all of you for providing the support to get this job done. We have a beautiful building, and this preservation work secures our building's future. Thanks also to John Hackett and his crew for work spreading over four years.

Keeping church property beautiful

Our church is a welcoming place in part because members of our congregation take extra care of our landscaping, Mary's Garden and our lawn. Thanks to all of you who have devoted your talents to these tasks. We know you have property care work at your homes, yet you find the time to do this work at the church. Thanks to all of you.

Parsonage Mailbox

Thanks go to Cal Organ for replacing the mailbox at the parsonage. The mail carrier didn't like the old box that has been there for many years. Cal put up a new bright white mailbox which is at the required height for mail delivery. You can see the mailbox from a long way away!

Parking

Please try to keep the church parking lot entrance open. When cars are parked right at the entrance, it is hard for people to see oncoming cars as they exit the parking lot. We know parking is at a premium in the parking lot and we thank you for your consideration.



Financial Update.... Stewardship Campaign begins soon...

Submitted by Eileen Collins, Financial Secretary

Fall has finally arrived and the time for gathering in and celebrating the harvest is upon us. Part of our responsibilities is to assess what we have, what we will give to the Lord and what we will need for our own sustenance. In our church we use this time to gather information on what our church needs will be in the year 2020 and prayerfully decide what God is calling us to contribute towards His work.

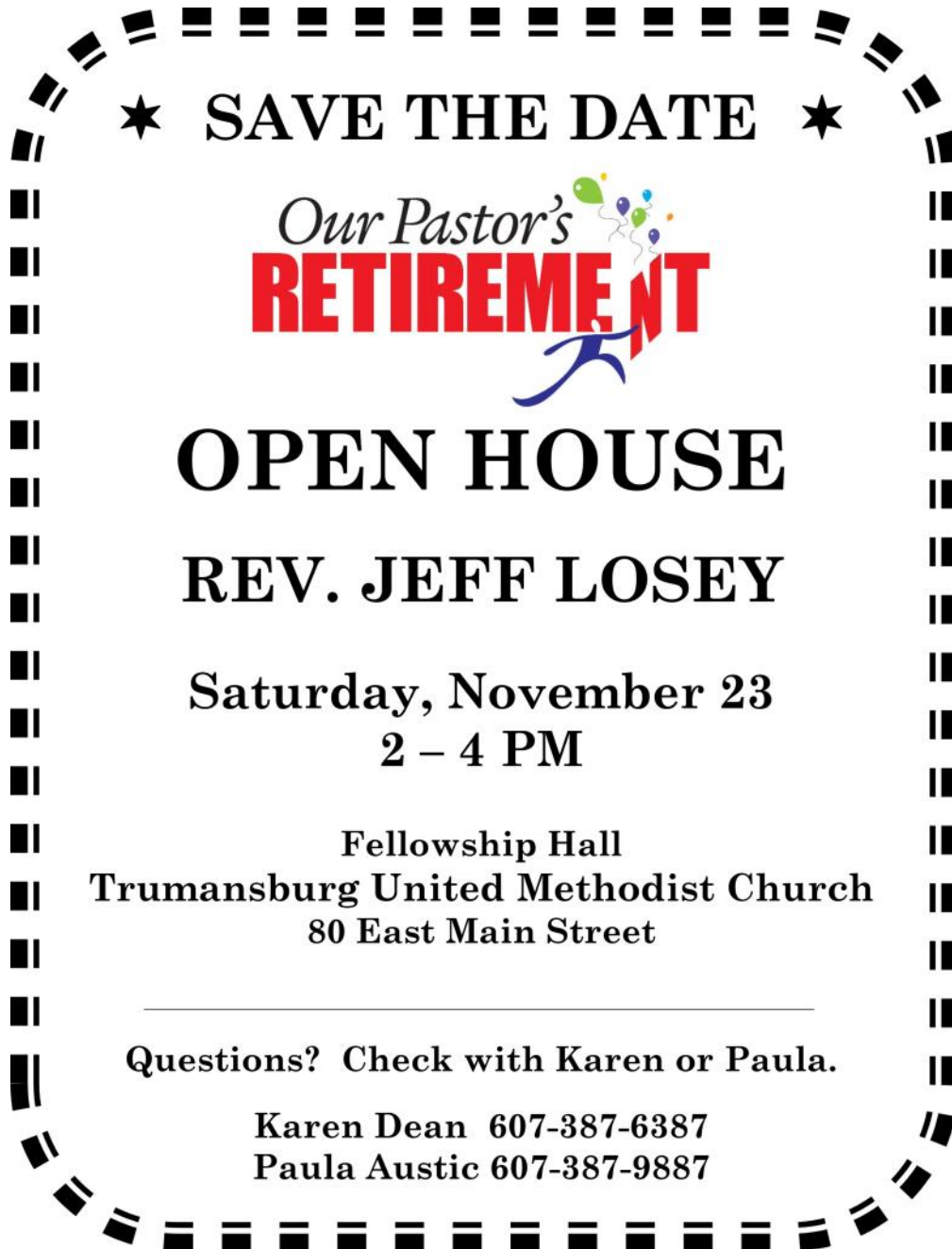
Starting on Sunday, October 27th, we will officially begin dispensing stewardship information in church. There will be speakers from various committees in our church who will inform you about the needs in their area of responsibility. You will be receiving letters from the stewardship committee to further inform you and help you make your decision. On Sunday, November 24th, we will make out our pledge cards during the service and celebrate with a dish-to-pass in the Fellowship Hall, at which time we will give the total pledged to that point.

The Stewardship committee will do its best to organize and give you information about what we envision our collective financial obligations will be without duplicating our requests. To be fully informed we urge you to attend the four stewardship Sunday worship services: October 27, November 3, November 17, and November 24. In addition, please pay attention to the mail from our church, and ask questions of committee members about anything which we have not made clear and to give your input about our finances.

We ask that you consider thoughtfully what your circumstances allow you to contribute. Each pledge is gratefully accepted, no matter how small or how large. Giving to the Lord is not a responsibility but a privilege. To those who have much, much is expected, but God has given to each of us a portion and it is only courteous we give back so that His will can be accomplished in the world. We are the instruments of His peace and love. We are the feet and hands of the body of Christ. If we cannot do it, who will?

Committee Members are: Judi Eastburn, Eileen Collins, Mary Louise Gallagher, Steve Ketcham, Rev. Jeff Losey, Julie Messenger, and Dick Peterson.

*“Try to be a Rainbow in someone’s cloud.”
- Maya Angelou*



Editor's Note...

Just a quick note as you will see this issue is very full with lots of things going on in our congregation and it certainly takes a lot of people to pull off all these things so I'd just like to say thank you to all of you who do so very much for our TUMC. Everyone of you is important and needed and none of this could be done without **all** of you!

As we get ready to say goodbye to our long time Rev. Jeff and get ready to say hello to someone new, remember we are TUMC and we are strong. We will be sad to see Jeff retire but happy for him and happy and open to greet a new era. Until next time.....

Judi

TUMC child photo contest, phase 2...

We had a winner to our first contest. The winner was **Marge Lener**! She was the first person to guess all three photos after the hints were given. The results of our first contest, in case you haven't figured them out by now are: 1. **Charlie Dyke**, 2. **Rev. Jeff Losey** and 3. **Loretta Ramsted**! Congratulations to Marge and I owe her a prize.

Rules: They have not changed for this second round, you will place on a piece of paper, Number 1, 2, and 3 with your guess on who the person in each photo is. You will then either place your guesses in the newsletter mailbox (with your contact information and the date/time you are putting your submission in my box) or email to jae2@cornell.edu (those will be sorted by date/time of emails). All will be either current members of TUMC or current regular attendees to TUMC. The first person to submit and get all 3 correct will be the winner and will be announced as such in the next issue and will perhaps be given a prize (I'm still thinking that over as to type of prize). If no one gets all three correct, the first 3 will be printed again in the next issue with a hint next to each and the contest will continue with hopefully a winning guess. If there is not a winner by the second time, I will publish the winning names and we will go on with the next set of photos. So here are the new photos, good luck!



PHOTO NUMBER 1



PHOTO NUMBER 2



PHOTO NUMBER 3

Think you have them figured out? Send me your responses and I'll let you know. I am looking for more photos. I have enough for at least a couple more issues but once you see how much fun this is, don't you want to join in? Send those photos of any age, birth to teenage to me by email or put in my newsletter box and I will scan and be sure you get your photo right back. Let's have some fun!

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

*"A life is not important except in
the impact it has on other lives"*

*Jackie Robinson..
Brooklyn Dodgers*

Altar Guild Rep for November: Carol Grove
Alt. Joan Organ

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

ROMANS 10:15, ESV

