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Pastor's Message

What Do You Look Forward To?

And you thought Summer was busy!

I think about the upcoming calendar events. Halloween, Thanksgiving then what we refer to as "The Holiday Season". Throw in several family birthdays, annual reports, Church Conference season. WOW! We're already looking at Valentine's day and Lent!

I have heard it said that living in the past is regret. Living in the future is anxiety. Living in the present is dementia.

Time is a funny thing. We think we experience the present, remember the past, and anticipate the future. But in reality it isn't quite so simple. Memories are not recordings of what happened, but stories we tell ourselves about what happened. And that anticipation of the future is a big part about how we experience "now". "Now" goes by way too fast for our carbon based brains to be able to make sense of it. By the time we experience "now", process it and figure out what is happening, "now" is already the past. Our brains actually use our stored experiences (memories, the stories we tell ourselves about the past) to anticipate what is about to happen so that we can be ready for it.

Try this little experiment: when you are listening to someone else, notice how you are already finishing their sentence in your head. Conversely, if you're talking to someone else, try stopping before you finish the sentence. Odds are they will have already finished it in their head.

OK, "So what?!", you might ask.

I don't know for sure. But I know that God's love for us is a mystery. Our life in God's arms is a mystery.

It is also said that now is where time and eternity touch.

Perhaps that eternity that meets us in each and every "now" is too big for us to handle. "Living in the now" is the most illusory of all experiences.

As each and every "now" zooms past us, let us cherish what has been, anticipate with joy that which lies ahead, and catch - out of the corner of our spiritual eye - that passing yet always present glimpse of the eternity of God and God's love for us!

Rev. Jeff

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Crop Walk Update...

Submitted by Carol Grove



Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world today, but it doesn't have to be. You can feed our neighbors here and around the world! Join the 30th Annual Trumansburg Area CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 14, at 2 PM**. It is a fun, family friendly walk to raise funds and awareness. Register online at www.crophungerwalk.org/trumansburgny.

Can't walk? Sponsor someone! Every donation helps end hunger and save lives! 25% of donations remain in our community for the Trumansburg Food Pantry.

Please contact Carol Grove to pick up your CROP donation envelope or for a list of walkers: grove@ottcmail.com, 607-387-6128.

A Note from the Trustees...

Submitted by Dick Peterson



The Trustees don't have a lot of new news for this newsletter. Some of you may be wondering if there will be a Fall Chicken Barbecue and pie sale. The answer is YES!! The **BBQ/pie sale will be held on Saturday, October 13th**. We will provide numerous reminders between now and then. Hopefully, we will have a nice, warm, dry weekend for the festivities. Also, we hope that we will be the only Trumansburg area barbecue that day. We have had a lot of competition for the Spring and Fall barbecues in recent years. Please mark your calendars.

Anyone wishing to lend a hand that day will be welcomed. More details will come after our September Trustee meeting.

Ryan and Alex Mitchell have done a great job mowing the lawn all summer. It has been a wonderful service to the church. We thank them both.

We haven't had any major repair issues over the summer. The back entrance door latch has been an issue for a few days. A tiny spring inside the mechanism has become detached. We need to figure out where it was attached, which is not a simple task. Hopefully we can fix it without having to call a specialist. Also, we found out for the first time that the emergency stop switch in the elevator can be bumped off. This happened during Mary Barkman's funeral services, which caused quite a stir. But all is well.

Thank you all, as always, for your support toward the needs of the church.



Special dates

- World Communion Sunday, *October 7, 2018*
- Chicken BBQ & Pie Sale, *Saturday, October 13, 2018*
- TAC Crop Walk Sunday, *October 14, 2018*
- Laity Sunday, *October 21, 2018*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 28, 2018*
- Reformation Day, *October 31, 2018*

Proskine Camperships Still Available...

Submitted by Ronda Ketcham



If your youth camped at any Christian camp this summer 2018, we would love to help with the cost (retrospectively).

Please have your youth write a thank you note to the Proskine Family, thanking them for the opportunity to attend camp.

The note will be written by hand and can be as brief as 3 sentences. Send the note to me as follows: Ronda Ketcham, 105 Tamarack Lane, Trumansburg, NY 14886. Any questions call 607-351-0341. Hope to hear from you!



Finance Committee Update...

Submitted by David Irish, Chair



First, a snap shot of where TUMC is as of the end of August:

We are slightly better off than our budget projected, that is our deficit is about \$6,000 less than projected at the end of August. It still is an \$18,000 deficit, so not ideal. When the brick work repairs are added our deficit balloons to almost \$45,000. A portion of that cost has been offset by internal budget transfers from reserve accounts, but there is still a substantial short fall.

That is a perfect lead into the discussion of the Capital Fund Drive consideration that is currently underway. The annual operating budget for TUMC cannot support the amount of repair work that is deemed necessary, so please give the Capital Fund Drive thoughtful consideration.

The final major Finance update is the bequest from the Lester Burns Estate to TUMC. We will be the beneficiary of a \$500,000 gift. There is serious consideration of how to utilize the money for the long term growth and benefit of the TUMC. From the Finance Committee has come a recommendation to Church Council to consider using up to \$125,000 of the funds for a "matching gift" to the Capital Fund Drive, should the decision be made to go forward with the Drive. Council has not made a decision, pending the outcome of the Capital Fund Drive recommendation. There has been no recommendation on how to use/invest the remaining funds from the bequest. There is a proposal to set up an investment fund and use only the "income" from the fund for the annual church budget.

Discussion and consideration of how any funds should be used is ongoing and input is appreciated.

Mission and Outreach (M&O) Update...

Submitted by Ronda Ketcham

We are continuing the following ministries:

Sending notes of encouragement; Loads of Laundry/Love (accepting \$\$ and referrals); stocking a local food pantry, as needed {previously we took food to Second Wind; this month taking food to Rescue Mission Ithaca};

Providing coffee hour after church once a quarter; others I may have forgotten.

We are trying a new ministry by signing up to help Karen Dean fill the slots for concessions work at Pee Wee Football in Trumansburg

TUMW Sponsors 2018 Thanksgiving Donations...

Submitted by Mary Jamison



The Trumansburg United Methodist Women (TUMW) will once again be sponsoring Thanksgiving food donations to supplement the Ulysses Food Pantry's Thanksgiving turkey give-away on November 19th. This is in keeping with support and pledge from the women of the UMW worldwide to help with various programs "so that the lives of women, children and youth will be impacted beyond measure", and to bring the love of Christ into their lives through your generosity. Last year we had a very, very heartwarming and successful event thanks to you, our wonderful congregation. THANK YOU!

The Pantry anticipates serving around 110 families on that day and the items asked for will be the same as last year:

4 cans (each person) of CUT Green Beans (14.5 oz. size)

OR 4 cans (each person) of Cream of Mushroom Soup (10.5 oz. size)

OR 2 or more boxes (each person) any brand of Stuffing Mix (6 oz. size)

OR

Monetary donations to help purchase needed items are most welcome. Checks should be made to Trumansburg United Methodist Women, or, TUMW—note that it's for "UMW Thanksgiving Collection".

On the first Sundays of the month (October 7th and November 4th), there will be 2 containers at the back of the sanctuary for the Food Pantry Collections—one for the regular/once-a-month collection (anything can be donated), and the second for the UMW special Thanksgiving collection. **The 2nd container will be at the back of the sanctuary every Sunday throughout October, and through November 11th.** Monetary donations may be placed in the Thanksgiving "crate", or given to Sylvia Mitchell or Mary Jamison.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING GENEROUSLY TO THIS CAUSE – A MISSION TO HELP OTHERS IN OUR COMMUNITY AND A WAY TO SAY THANK YOU FOR OUR OWN BLESSINGS. God's people doing God's work--Bless you for being a part of this effort.

The UMW meets every 2nd Friday of the month at noon – September–June. Each person brings their own sandwich or whatever, supplemented by soup or dessert, as well as beverages. All women of the church are heartily invited to join them. Questions? Please contact Mary Jamison at 387-6474 or alma78@ottcmail.com, or Sylvia Mitchell at 387-6590.



A photo of the generous donations from last year. So many families were helped!

An Organ concert...

Submitted by Francine Darling

We will be having an organ concert, featuring our c.1862 Garret House organ, on **Oct. 13th at 4:00 pm** in the TUMC Sanctuary given by Permelia and David Sears, guest organists. This concert is free and open to the public. There will be a Freewill donation available to benefit the food bank.

David Sears holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the Peabody Conservatory and a Doctor of Musical Arts from Boston University. He is Professor Emeritus of Fine Arts at Merrimack College and is also a composer. With his wife, Permelia, he was Co-Chairman of the Extant Organs Committee of the Organ Historical Society. Dr. Sears has appeared in concert throughout the Northeast as a soloist, with his wife in piano four-hand recitals, and with his wife and daughter in family concerts.



Permelia Sears is a graduate of Smith College and the Yale University School of Music with a Master of Music in Pipe Organ Performance. She is a past Dean of the Merrimack Valley MA Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and has taught organ and piano through the Indian Hill Music Center in Littleton, MA. Mrs. Sears has performed solo organ recitals across the Northeast, played at several Organ Historical Society Conventions as well as in family concerts with her husband and daughter. The Sears specialize in playing historic 19th century tracker organs and are proud owners of a two-manual 1888 Hook & Hastings tracker organ.

Sunday November 11, 2018

Veterans Breakfast at American Legion in T-Burg

Submitted by Meg Gaige

We are looking forward to another outstanding opportunity to honor and thank our Military Personnel—both the Veterans and those currently serving—with TUMC's complimentary breakfast. Start thinking now about how you'd like to volunteer to make this year's gathering a success! Watch for a SIGN UP poster in the Fellowship Hall and sign up for one or more of the following tasks:



- *Set up Sunday morning at 7 am
- *Offer to provide rides
- *Play TAPS
- *Re-direct anyone who shows up for worship at TUMC to the Legion
- *Be a door greeter
- *Welcome our guests at the check-in table
- *Serve on the buffet line
- *Bus tables and re-set silverware

- *Be welcoming at your table— just chat it up with our guests
- *Roam the room to refill coffee
- *Float for an hour to do whatever needs doing
- *Work in kitchen with food prep
- *Help deliver food from kitchen to buffet
- *Carry dirty dishes to dishwasher in kitchen
- *Help dry dishes
- *Clean up Sunday morning after 11 am

33rd Christmas Bazaar and Luncheon
Saturday, December 1, 2018
9 AM – 3PM



✳ **Homemade Soup, Salad, & Bread – Meg Gaige and crew**

11:00 AM – 2 PM

One of the best holiday lunches you will have!

✳ **Grandma's Corner- Kay Cooke, Pat Smith and Trudy VanOstrand**

Looking for antiques and collectibles, we have some great stuff so far!

All donations should be in good condition, contact Kay, or one of the bazaar organizers and we can store items you may have

We must be selective to assure brisk sales!

Ask yourself, "Would I buy this?" If so we want it!

We also plan to do a jewelry table so if you have good quality jewelry, we will take that also!

✳ **Handmade Gifts – Peg Benham, Mary Gallagher, Judi Eastburn**

Anything goes!

Use yarn, paper, ceramics, bells, stained glass, wood, whatever you are handy at!

The TUMC Piecemakers are working on their quilted items too!

✳ **RADA Cutlery – Shirley Boyes (UMW)**

Proceeds from this table go to the United Methodist Women

Knives, spatulas, and special items

✳ **Sugar & Spice Baked Goods – Dottie Manheim & Sandi Reynolds**

Simply the best pies, cakes, cookies, jellies, cinnamon rolls, homemade candy, etc.

EVER!

Bishop's Regional Gatherings on A Way Forward..

Submitted by Rev Jeff

Commission on a Way Forward

Following the 2016 General Conference, the Commission on a Way Forward was formed to deliberate and help the General Conference address the issue of sexuality in The United Methodist Church. The Commission was made up of 32 individuals, including eight bishops, 13 other clergy members, and 11 lay members. They will present a report during a Special Session of the 2019 General Conference, which will be held February 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri.

Bishop's Regional Gatherings on A Way Forward

This fall, Upper New York Area Resident Bishop Mark J. Webb is hosting six 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

Dates, Times, and Locations

September 30, 4-6 PM: [Potsdam UMC](#)

October 14, 4-6 PM: [Clarence UMC](#)

October 21, 4-6 PM: [Liverpool UMC](#)

October 28, 4-6 PM: [Wellsville UMC](#)

November 11, 4-6 PM: [Chenango Bridge UMC](#)

Capital Campaign/The Burns Estate/Brick-work and Stained Glass

The Brief - Ball Park Facts..

Submitted by Rev Jeff

1) The Capital Campaign is proceeding. By the time you read this we will have more clarity on our expectations. 2) We have learned that we will be receiving \$500,422.39 from the estate of Lester Burns. The Finance Committee is recommending that we use \$125,000 of this toward the Capital Campaign as matching funds. [We anticipate moving forward with the Capital Campaign even though we will be receiving a major bequest. There are two major reasons for this: A) If we choose to rely solely on the bequest, we will be throwing away an opportunity to initiate new ministries to better serve the community and to reach new people. In a few years, we would be right back in the same financial boat. B) This is OUR church building. I know of churches that have relied on their endowment funds to fund their budget. This usually leads to a passive, dying museum of a church, rather than the family of God serving the people of God. It truly is an opportunity for us to give out of what God has given us and to have a sense of ownership. I think I read somewhere, "Where your treasure is, there will your hearts be also."] 3) We have an updated estimate on the stained glass window repair. There are options which can vary the cost, but think in the neighborhood of \$150,000 for the project.

You will be hearing more as the capital Campaign moves forward. Stay tuned!

Four Weeks Closer to the 97th New Year's Day Dinner...

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

Can you eat more turkey? That's what I ask when I have Thanksgiving at my house. Dick is usually the one that says, "There's always room for more turkey!" But after a few days of leftover turkey, does anyone want more turkey? The answer to that is "Yes"!

The New Year's Day turkey dinner is just how your New Year's should begin. Turkey, with real mashed potatoes, great gravy, wonderful stuffing, homemade cole slaw, cranberry orange relish, pickled beets, rolls and those delicious homemade pies is the perfect way to start off the year. So...you delay your New Year's resolution of dieting until January 2nd. Who will know?

After 96 years of great, hot food, the 97th New Year's Day Dinner will be just as good as all the previous ones. Cost for this fabulous meal will be \$9.00 for adults, children from 5 to 12 \$4.50, and 4 and under free. Anyone who is 94 and older will receive a free dinner on us!

If you can't make the dinner, we do have take outs. Same price and delivered hot and tasty by 2 handsome gentlemen who will remain nameless for now. However, this year we will have a new policy. Take-outs will only be delivered within the Trumansburg area. But, don't worry our drivers will deliver with a smile and a gracious "Thank You"! No snow or sleet deters them from delivering. Just call 387-5486 and leave your name and phone and I will get back to you. This phone number is only until Jan. 1st. On January 1, you can call the church 387-9024 between 9 am and 10:30 am if you want to order a take-out either to deliver or pick-up. If you want to do it via e-mail, it's clkp329@aol.com.

Until then, we will continue to request donations for ingredients for the dinner. So, when solicitors contact you please donate. If, for some reason you are not contacted and wish to donate please call me or e-mail me or talk to me after a church service. The times to bring your donations are the following:

Sunday, December 30th during the service time.

Monday, December 31st, from 9 am to 12 noon.

Tuesday, January 1st, from 7 am to 10 am

Sign-ups for dishwashing, prepping food, etc. on January 1st will be up after the Bazaar.

This dinner is a long-standing tradition, which we do for our community. Let's continue this dinner with open minds, open hearts and open our doors wide to the people in our area.



People were cleaning their plates last year!

A brief note from the editor...

You will notice, there is a LOT going on in the upcoming months and it looks like there will be many, many multiple opportunities to volunteer and contribute with ingredients, etc. I know this church will come through yet again in all the many ways. This is one of the things so great about our church, we really are family and God loves each and every one of us! In the coming months, let us remember that we are reaching out to the community and I believe that is one of the more important things God wants from us.

As always, let me know things you might want to see or miss in our newsletter and until next time may each of you stay happy, healthy and safe!

Judi

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Please check the calendar for October at
www.trumansburgumc.org or check with your committee chair
for meeting dates/times

Altar Guild Rep: Roxanne Smith
Alt. Carol Grove

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

ROMANS 10:15, ESV

