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*"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."*



An update from the  
**PASTORAL  
SEARCH  
COMMITTEE**

Members include: Jeff Brown (co-chair), Mike Baker (co-chair), Megan Apolito, Louise Holmes, Joni Nilsson, Kelly Roller, Beth Stowe, Bill Van Dusen and Karen Yax.

The Pastoral Search Committee is pleased to let the congregation know that our Church Profile has now been formally published to the UCC website. This marks the beginning of the next phase of the search process in which interested candidates can submit their Pastoral Profile for our consideration. As with the process of writing a church profile and capturing the distinctive voices of our congregation in video form this next phase is likely to take considerable time and energy.

I'd like to take the opportunity of this update to share a recent moment in the life of our church that helps us see how we are perceived as a community of faith by...  
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Spaghetti supper  
January 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-7:00pm  
to benefit Embrace Your Sisters



Hockey with the youth group  
Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>



ANNUAL  
CONGREGATIONAL  
**MEETING**

Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>  
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... “outsiders.” On the Sunday before Thanksgiving J.K. baptized our 11-month old grandson Arjun Hiranandani. Our daughter Allyson and her husband Sanjay invited many of their neighbors and friends to share the occasion. Since it coincided with Thanksgiving week my brother and a supportive couple (surrogate great-grandparents) from Pittsburgh were also able to attend.

One of the things Carol and I have really appreciated in recent months is the generous space given at the beginning of our service to share joys and concerns. That Sunday was no exception and the prayer requests and announcements from a broad spectrum of speakers addressed our congregation and community in approximately equal proportion. Whether it was the Food Pantry, an initiative to connect Sunday School youth with adult members, delivering Thanksgiving meals in collaboration with St. Mary’s, or announcing a youth group kickoff, the message was clear – this is an active congregation deeply engaged with each other and their community.

When J.K. invited the young people forward for the children’s message we were pleased to see young visitors join our own young people and continue to Sunday school. It was even more gratifying to hear from one of our Sunday school teachers that a brother and sister growing up with a Catholic mom and Hindu dad were welcomed and actively participated in the day’s lesson!

My brother – who no longer attends church regularly – was so impressed with the energy and age diversity of our congregation he said he wished he lived closer and could volunteer in the Food Pantry now that he’s near retirement. One visitor who lives in the city and travels predominately to urban centers for work especially appreciated our rural setting and exclaimed “this is what church should be like – you really serve your community.”

Another family with a Jewish dad and Lutheran mom was curious about the origins of our denomination and discovered a personal connection on mom’s side to the German Evangelical denomination – one of the three denominations that came together in 1957 to form the U.C.C. we know today.

Each of us could share a personal story of how we came to this congregation and why we’ve chosen to make it our church home. What we’ve learned on the Pastoral Search committee is that regardless of background, age, gender, family configuration, career path, or outside affiliations there is much more that binds us as a community of faith than surface differences might suggest.

In describing our community to prospective pastors I’d like to share just one paragraph from our church profile that these visitors affirmed in their recent observations as “outsiders”:

The Honeoye community is economically, socially, and generationally diverse, blending long-time residents, seasonal visitors, and numerous young families in search of affordable and active living beyond the Rochester suburbs. Our UCC congregation reflects that diversity and strives always to serve God by serving our neighbors - whether members, friends, or simply community people in need. We acknowledge God working around and through us. Both as individuals and as a group we look to be leaders in service to others by being followers of the Holy Spirit. We have a strong commitment to community and continue to seek spiritual guidance in finding new ways of living out that promise.

This past year has given our whole congregation the opportunity to think and pray more intentionally about who we are as a congregation and how it is we are called by God to grow in the future. The congregational survey and individual conversations contributed significantly to our Church Profile. We are and will hopefully always remain a diverse faith community who can share our views and hear each other’s perspective. That is one of our distinctive strengths and we invite members and friends to dialogue openly with search committee members – to help us “lead with our ears.”

We thank you for your prayerful support and patience as we embark on the discernment process of listening for God’s voice and guidance in selecting our next spiritual leader.

-Jeff Brown



The Congregational Annual Meeting will be after worship on Sunday, January 15, 2017. Business items include the 2017 Church Budget, election of officers, board members, and committee chairs, receiving of reports, and any other business that any member may wish to bring before the congregation. (Meeting minutes from last year on page 11 for your review.) If you have business that needs to come before the congregation, please contact the Church Moderator, David Makepeace.



### Serving at Salem

On the fourth Monday of the each month, our church participates in the Salem Nutrition Center noon lunch ministry, providing a meal for those who might not necessarily have a good meal otherwise. On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will meet at the church parking lot at 9:00am and carpool to Salem UCC. We will eat lunch at Salem and return no later than 2:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please see Margot Badger for more information.



### *It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World*

You are welcome to join our monthly "Dinner & a Movie" on Saturday evening, January 7<sup>th</sup>. The version of the movie that we are showing is a shorter version, but still longer than a "normal" movie. As such, dinner will still be at 6:00pm in the church dining room, but we will start the movie at 6:30pm instead of 7:00pm. Please bring a prepared soup, salad, bread or a dessert to share. Of course, we will supply the popcorn! After the movie, we will return to the dining room for dessert and discussion of the film.

This month's movie is *It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World*. Stanley Kramer followed his Oscar-winning *Judgment at Nuremberg* with this sobering investigation of American greed. Ah, who are we kidding? *It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World*, about a group of strangers fighting tooth and nail over buried treasure, is the most grandly harebrained movie ever made, a pileup of slapstick and borscht-belt-y one-liners performed by a nonpareil cast, including Milton Berle, Sid Caesar, Ethel Merman, Mickey Rooney, Spencer Tracy, Jonathan Winters, and a boatload of other playing-to-the-rafters comedy legends. For sheer scale of silliness, Kramer's wildly uncharacteristic film is unlike any other, an exhilarating epic of tomfoolery.

The next "Dinner & a Movie" is Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. The films selected can range from current to classic and deal with all sorts of issues, and some are just for fun. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to a church event! If you have any suggestions for February's choice you can contact Don at [honeyeyefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:honeyeyefoodpantry@gmail.com).

## **“Uncomfortable” from the intentional interim minister, Rev. James K. Boodley**

The lectionary reading for the beginning of January (Matthew 2:13-23) is about Jesus' family fleeing to Egypt to escape Herod's killing spree following the departure of the three wise men:

*Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”*

*When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:*

*“A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.”*

*When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He will be called a Nazorean.”*

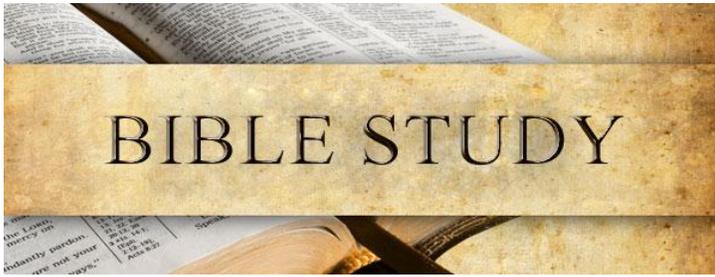
For us with “modern sensibilities,” it's far too tempting to think, “Those times were barbaric; the suffering people endured then was horrific. Thank goodness we're past that period in our history.”

True. True. And definitely false.

The kind of suffering Jesus' family endured is not limited to ancient history. And the barbaric behavior of despots continues wherever they hold power around the world today. To think otherwise is delusional. Of course, it's also far too easy to throw up our hands and wonder, “Well, what can I do?” The first answer to that question is to *not* dismiss the suffering of others. Awareness can be uncomfortable, but it is far less difficult than what those who are enduring great hardship are feeling. Second, insist that the ongoing suffering of others is simply not acceptable. If what we buy contributes to that suffering, then we must educate ourselves about how that happens and change our buying habits. If our national policies contribute to that suffering, we must insist to our elected leaders that those policies change.

Finally, because Jesus' family had a first-hand understanding of the suffering of “the least of these,” his sympathies will be with those who continue to suffer. We would be wise to make up our minds that “enough is enough” and devote ourselves to eliminating human suffering wherever and whenever we can as we begin a new year. Christ calls us to do nothing less. And if he happens to come back tomorrow – or next week – I've no doubt he will expect us to account for our responses to the suffering of “the least of these” in the world today. Let's be ready.

In faith,  
J.K.



The Bible study group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00am in the Sunday school room. The discussion is free and flowing, and no prior Biblical knowledge is required. Come each Tuesday, or whenever you can, to enjoy this time of fellowship as we learn, ask questions, laugh, make comments and deepen our understanding of the Bible.

January 3

Jer 31:7-14  
Psalms 147:12-20  
Eph 1:3-14  
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

January 17

Isaiah 62:1-5  
Psalms 36:5-10  
1 Cor 12:1-11  
John 2:1-11

January 31

Jer 1:4-10  
Psalms 71:1-6  
1 Cor 13:1-13  
Luke 4:21-30

January 10

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalms 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 24

Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
Psalms 19  
1 Cor 12:12-31a  
Luke 4:14-21



**January**

- 2 Grace Jackson
- 6 John Tagg, Jr.
- 7 Adam Jones
- 9 Danielle Smith
- 14 Jane Barnard, Betty Saunders\*
- 15 Lillian Clearman
- 16 Renee Thornton
- 19 Ellie Jordan
- 21 Margaret White
- 25 Mabel Proctor, Kelly Roller,  
Melissa Barnard, Andrea Jones,  
Nancy Apolito
- 28 Ed Bond\*
- 31 Bob Stowe, Hannah Orman

(\* This beloved member of our community has passed. We have chosen to leave their name so that we may remember them on their special day.)



# community life

The Board of Community Life will meet on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> after church. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Helen Johnson.



## Knitting Ministry

Join us on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> in the library for some knitting and crocheting with friends. We will get together after the morning service to make prayer shawls and other projects to give to those who could use a warm thought.



## The Honeoye UCC Youth Group

The youth group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm! Kids and teens in grades 5 and up are encouraged to join us in the church dining hall. We open with a fun game, move on to a healthy snack and discussion, then do a fun team building exercise, and are ready for pick up at 7:30pm. Youth group is open to all kids in our community-not just those that come to church on Sundays-so feel free to bring a friend! Everyone is welcome! You can also follow us at [Facebook.com/HUCCyouthgroup](https://www.facebook.com/HUCCyouthgroup).

This month, we will meet on Tuesdays with the exception of January 17<sup>th</sup>, since we will be going to the **Amerks Hockey Game** on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm and carpool to Rochester to enjoy a great game of Hockey! Everyone who plans to go must purchase tickets in advance to be seated with our group-please see Cydney Hess if you have questions.

We will resume meeting on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> and meet again on Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**HEADS UP!** The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual United Church of Christ New York Conference State Youth Event is scheduled for March 3-5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Watson Homestead in Painted Post, NY. This year's theme is "Realize, Relax, Reassure" and is for teens age 14-18. If you are interested, please see Greg Badger. We will need to know how many teens from our congregation would like to attend so we can make arrangements!

Thank you to the parents who bring their children! We've enjoyed working with them and getting to know them each as individuals and as a group, and can't wait to see where the Spirit leads us!

# Honeoye Community Food Pantry

Another year past – I don't know where the time goes! I do, however, know that the pantry had another successful year helping our local families in need because of the kind support you and our community offer. I can't thank you enough!

Some updates on what we've been up to... Our Christmas baskets were filled with care and all the necessary food items for a complete family holiday dinner. Thanks to everyone who made such generous donations of any kind – all the items were boxed up by our volunteers who came out that day, and what fun we had!

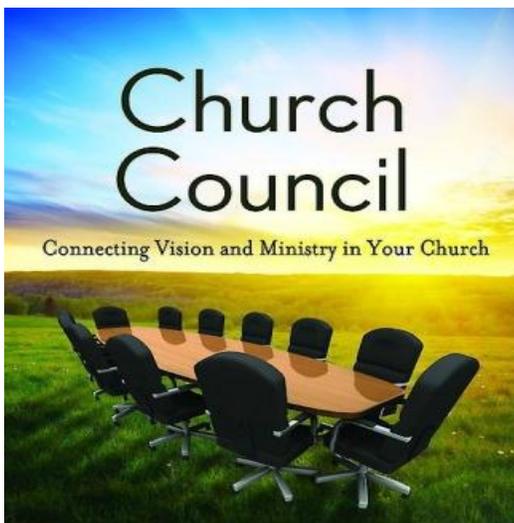
Leading up to the holidays, we had a few very busy months organizing what was needed for the baskets. We were truly fortunate to have the boy scouts and cub scouts hold food drives. We also had many residents, churches and businesses help with donations, as well.

I also want to specifically thank Maryanne Shumway, one of our volunteers, for all the time she and her helpers spent organizing the gifts that were donated by UCC, St Mary's and Allen's Hill parishioners. These gifts made it possible for each child and elderly client to receive a gift.

Our volunteers at the pantry also helped make the Children's Holiday Bazaar another success, which was a joint effort with the Honeoye Library. It's so nice to have a safe place where the kids can shop the aisles of new or gently used items at bargain prices for their family members for the holidays.

With all of that said, I just want to extend a HUGE thank you again to all of you who were involved in whatever capacity with the pantry in the past couple months. It's the busiest time of year for us and we truly could not be a successful pantry without the donated time, food, and money from our big-hearted community members.

For those of you that don't know - our local pantry, which serves residents in need in the Honeoye School District, is open every other Saturday year-round. You can like us on facebook, visit our website <https://sites.google.com/site/honeoyefoodpantry/> or just call us at 585-721-0009.



For those of you who may be wondering who makes up our church council and what we do, I am including some information and invitations. We are made up of the Chairpersons of our various boards; our interim pastor, J.K.; council secretary, Penny Jones and moderator, David Makepeace. We meet five times a year and conduct an Annual Congregational Meeting in January (January 15th this year) and deal with many issues in between meetings by email. Our next regular meeting will be at 7PM on the first Monday of February.

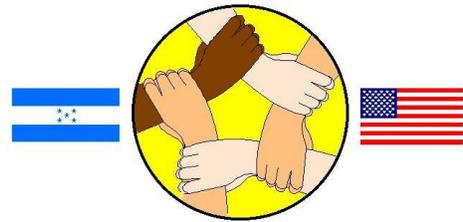
Meetings always include board reports as well as old and new business items. Typical items of business, in addition to committee reports, might include Search Committee reports, parsonage and church maintenance, contracts between the church and its tenants, church policies and procedures, and any item brought to us by a member of the congregation. Our minutes are faithfully posted by the church secretary, Cydney, on the bulletin board across from the church office.

A major motivation in writing this article is to let you know that our meetings are open to all church members, including any youth interested in knowing more about how we function as a church. If you have an issue that you would like us to discuss, you need only contact the appropriate board or committee member, the pastor, secretary (Cydney or Penny Jones) or the moderator, David Makepeace.

We are committed to being transparent in our discussions on the part of the congregation and the church. In that interest, we invite your questions, input and attendance at meetings.

David Makepeace, Moderator

**NY/HELP**



**HONDURAS**

### ***NY/HELP Honduras News***

NY/HELP Honduras is happy to celebrate another successful and energetic year full of projects and activities in the Mataderos Tribe of north central Honduras. Last January, I led a group that constructed two homes and one new roof, along with a cement floor for a kindergarten, among other things. Our clinic continues to thrive under the supervision of Dr. Gordon Comstock of Arcade, NY and our resident nurse, Mirtila Garcia, serving the 11 communities of the tribe 5 days a week and in emergencies. The Junior High school we built room by room has more students than ever and is adding a certified agricultural science component, which will allow students to go beyond the 9th grade and complete a career. Our scholarship program allows students who, otherwise, would not be able, to attend classes by providing uniforms, supplies and administrative fee payments.

None of this would be possible without the help of congregations like the Honeoye UCC, We carry a large part of the scholarship program and have provided 25 years of support for our medical, construction and environmental initiatives. I will be taking a group of 6 to Honduras in January to initiate sewing classes for 28 women from the tribe, build or fund 5 roofs, 3 latrines, 2 stoves and pour a cement floor for a local kindergarten. I know we will go with your continued support and prayers.

Our scholarship drive will be in January, leading up to "Souper Bowl" Sunday on the Sunday before the Super Bowl. We will be looking for new scholarships as well as renewals. If you would like more information about our program, there are copies of our newsletter by the stairs to the dining room. Also, feel free to contact David Makepeace, Dick DeNise or Kathy Kimber.

Feliz Navidad, David Makepeace

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

With the Holiday Season behind us we will continue with our Bible Timeline.

## Sunday school lessons in the month of January 2017:

**January 1<sup>st</sup>:** There will be no Sunday school program. The nursery will be available for young children.

**January 8<sup>th</sup>:** We will be learning about Joshua and Jericho. This lesson will teach us how the Israelites finally reached the Promise Land. Once again we will be reminded how faithful God is to His people. It also will be the entry point into learning about the books of Judges and Kings.

**January 15<sup>th</sup>:** This week we will explore the character Samuel. We will learn how Samuel heard God call to him as a child and how we can be more attentive to God's calling. We will follow Samuel as he grows up to become a judge/prophet who warns the Israelites against appointing an earthly king to

lead them. As we see how God eventually grants the Israelites their request for a king, we will also learn how that comes with its own set of problems.

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>:** We will learn how and why King Saul (Israel's first king) was more than qualified to be a great leader. And yet, we will see how King Saul turned from God and proved to be very disappointing, just as the Lord had warned. Lessons include understanding what makes us good leaders and why God is our one true King.

**January 29<sup>th</sup>:** We will finally meet David who as a boy fights Goliath and as an adult becomes Israel's greatest king. David is a favorite Bible character who exemplifies a strong love of God. At the same time David makes a variety of mistakes that cause him much heartfelt pain. This lesson will help us to understand how David was as the scripture says "a man after God's own heart."

Blessings,  
Beth



The adult choir performs most Sunday mornings during worship and meets for practice on Sunday mornings at 8:30am in the choirroom. New singers are always welcome, especially tenors and altos!

If you have an interest in singing with the choir or performing special music during a Sunday service please see the music director, Nancy Pease.

## HOW SWEET THE SOUND



A HUGE thank you from me to everyone who participated in our December events! We all made some awesome music, and I look forward to making more music with everyone in 2017!

The bell choir will resume practice on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The Children's choir will resume on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the dining hall.

See you then!

-Kelly Roller



Thank you! Thank you to everyone who made the celebration of Advent and Christmas at our church such an inspiring, faith-forward and community oriented time of year. You are appreciated.

The Board of Christian Education would like to extend an invitation from the Reverend David Inglis of the Henrietta UCC and the Interracial Council of Henrietta and Rush to an uplifting, community building Martin Luther King Celebration: "Let Freedom Ring – Stories of Courage and Sacrifice" The Interracial Council of Henrietta writes, "We are living in divisive times, symbolized by the use of the U.S. flag to stand for white supremacy while some athletes "take the knee" rather than standing for the National Anthem. At our 10th Annual Martin Luther King Celebration, we will reclaim the uniting values of our nation—"Liberty and justice for all." Youth and adults will join in portraying stories of courage and sacrifice that have kept these values alive in the past and up through our actions today. And the Sperry MLK Singers will bring their moving music.

The celebration will be held from 7:00-8:00 PM Thursday, January 12, at Henrietta United Church of Christ, 1400 Lehigh Station Rd., Henrietta 14467. Refreshments will follow. The program is designed to be uplifting to children, youth and adults. For any overflow parking, a continuous shuttle bus will be available from the nearby Sherman School parking lot, 50 Authors Ave. (just south of Lehigh Station Rd.) Please consider attending this important event. Keep an eye to February or March for our Annual Winter Retreat! Unlike last year we might actually have snow.

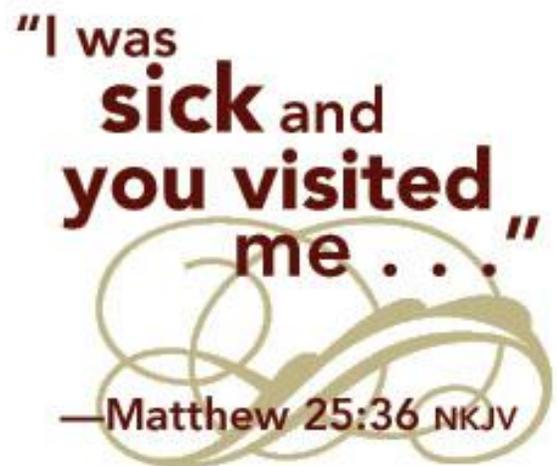
Safe journeys and peace in the New Year.  
Gail Baader, Jeff Brown, Kathy Kimber, Joni Nilsson, Shannon Seddon, Tom Taylor, Sara Tompkins Karen Yax and Melanie Youman.



### Visitation Committee News

Our visits, phone calls and cards continue. The focus in the month of December was delivering 16 "gift bags" to our shut-ins. All were met with appreciation for the slippers, fruit, cookies, candy, lotion & tissues. We will be anxious to follow up on any requests generated by the "Helping Hands" cards included with the "goodies." The recipients were encouraged to let us know if they had a task we could help them with. Our Prayer Circle continues to be active; anyone can be a part of the Circle and you can share in this ministry from the privacy of your home. If you would like to pray for those in need, please give Helen Johnson your e-mail and she will alert you when prayer requests are made. (Helen's e-mail is [Helmarc45@gmail.com](mailto:Helmarc45@gmail.com)).

-Louise Holmes & Carol VanDusen



# Who We Are

*Ramblings from the Old One...*

our history

Before we can take THE BELLS into the twenty first century we have to go back to 1986. I casually wrote that arrangements were made with the Church of the Master in Rochester and that we could borrow a set from them. What I did not mention was how that connection was made!!! That church is the one that Grace Jackson grew up in, played the bells in and was married in. So-we owe a big debt of gratitude to the Saunders family (Grace's parents) for not only getting us started but leaving money for their upkeep. That amount added to a generous amount from the Folwell family places the bells in a very healthy position for years to come.

Three generations of the Saunders family have played those bells-Stan (Grace's father) our "Amazing" Grace and Grace's son, Chris Jackson. I cannot believe that I had forgotten-never knew and never questioned how the Church of the Master knew we were interested. Seems IMPOSSIBLE! Thank you Louise and Grace for the information.

Now into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century-

In 2001 Louise Holmes and Grace Jackson were the managers-either Nancy or Ginny director. When I asked what a manager does, it turned out to be a silly question. The manager manages! She (they) takes care of the details of having a bell choir-seeing that the bells are arranged and in working order; the music is in order; notifying members of practice times if need be and anything else that might need attention. The group attended a workshop in Newark and learned many new techniques. Also Ginny DeNise directed a children's choir- "Joyful Noise".

In 2006 a new position was added to the Church Board: that of Hand bell/Choir Director. Kelly Roller was appointed. Many thank you's to Nancy Pease-who is always in the background and ready to step forward.

A new octave was purchased in 2007.

Skip a year to 2009. Kelly continues as Director and managers are Louise Holmes and Karinda Trowbridge. However, Louise decided to "retire" and Jerry Meys was appointed in her place. Thank you, Louise. Outreach performances included performances at St. John's Meadows in Rochester and the Honeoye School Christmas Concert. A youth choir was started.

In 2010 the bells were repaired and now ring more beautifully than ever.

In 2011 the bells not only played for many church services but also at St. John's Meadows in Rochester and Ferris Hills in Canandaigua (I think Grace's mother, Betty Saunders, was a resident at Ferris Hills at that time.) Jerri Mays and Karinda Trowbridge were the excellent managers. Jerri also took over the duties of choosing the music and scheduling when Kelly had a baby. (Was that 2011 or 2010, Kelly?)

Random notes: Brian Johnstone (son of Charlie "Mr. Sound Effects" and Linda) built the storage cupboard in the Music Room as an Eagle Scout project. Gwen Tschorke Rowley and Heather Fulmer Roller played in the youth choirs. Louise Holmes and Grace Jackson are the only "originals" still playing. Thank you to both of you for your constant and consistent dedication. Our newest and youngest member (without any doubt) is Cora Roller.

Since the choir started, it has always been there for us-a great testimony-no time taken off.

Besides the special appearances I have named it has also played at a wedding and a memorial service.

Some of the "newer" members are Lizz VanAmburg, Nancy Apolito, Gwen Rowley, Kathy Kimber, Beth Wilkins, Doug Kraft and Gary Meek.

Those who played at the Christmas concert this year were Karinda Trowbridge; Gwen Rowley; Louise Holmes; Nancy Apolito; Kathy Kimber; Cora Roller; Heather Roller; Elin Orman; Lizz VanAmburg; Beth Wilkins; Doris Turner; Doug Kraft; Gary Meek; and Kelly Roller, director.

Did you pick up on the mother daughter combination? Louise and Elin and the three generations of Gary, Kelly and Cora?

Thank you to the loyal and melodious crew. It Gets better and better! Ting-a-ling.

**Honeoye United Church of Christ**  
**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**January 17, 2016**

The Annual Congregational meeting was called to order by Moderator David Makepeace at 11:31 a.m. He stated that the reports and meeting minutes will be posted on the Honeoye UCC website. David thanked Mike Baker, Cydney Hess and Charlie Johnstone for getting things prepared as he was away for two weeks. If there are any questions not addressed, there is a church Council meeting in February 2016 and they can be addressed at that meeting.

David requested a motion to accept the Special Congregational Meeting minutes from March 22, 2015 regarding the Sunday school director position. Carol Ann May moved to accept, and the motion was seconded by Nancy Apolito. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Interim Pastor J.K. Boodley led the congregation in a prayer.

Annual Reports from 2015

Paper copies of the Annual Report 2015 booklet were available for members to review.

Church Clerk report – Penny Jones – page 21 Annual Report.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy Apolito – handout dated 1/16/16

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|-----------------------------|------------|
| Current Expense Account     | \$4,727.03 |
| CNB Savings                 | 332.64     |
| Pioneer Savings             | 710.37     |
| Endowment Account           | 398,355.77 |
| 2016 - 5% draw              | 19,916.79  |
| Capital Improvement Account | 400.13     |

Nancy went over exceptions that affected the budget:

(\*\* on the bottom of page 3 of the Treasurer's report handout)

-Saunders Memorial Fund distribution

-Christian Education Director position only paid out Sept.-Dec. 2015.

-Church Secretary – hours increased due to the transition, up to 32 hours/week as needed.

Benevolence Fund Report – Nancy Apolito – page 18 Annual Report

Financial Report – Sue Kraft – handout dated 1/12/2016

101% of pledges paid for 2015.

Stewardship Report – Doug Kraft – page 12 Annual Report

As of today have 56 pledges totaling \$124,270.00 for 2016.

Doug went over highlights of the proposed 2016 budget. (handout dated 1/17/2016)

Doug thanked Jeff Brown, Artie Dietschler, Bob Bacon and Charlie Johnstone for looking into and making the new phone system happen, which saved a lot of money. The phone ministry now costs \$10.00/month, where before it cost \$120.00/month.

Doug discussed money being in the reserve fund for expenses for the pastoral search, pledges at about \$10,000.00 more than last year and that in the proposed budget for 2016 there is a faith factor of only about \$3000.00, when historically the faith factor has been a lot higher. Doug said that it is pretty awesome and that as a group the congregation always comes through.

Nancy Apolito mentioned the addition of the Children's Choir director to the 2016 budget. This position was funded by the Saunders' bequest for 2015. Kelly Roller's role in the church is increased to include this position.

A motion was made by Nancy Apolito to create the job role of Children's Choir Director at the UCC.

Doug Kraft seconded the motion.

Discussion by Grace Jackson, Stan and Betty Saunder's daughter, to say that she "can't think of a better person to guide our children in the choir or a better way for her parent's money to be spent. Yeah!"

A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A motion to accept the 2016 Budget as presented by Doug Kraft was made by Carol Ann May and seconded by Joan Hohmann. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Memorial Report – Margaret White – page 17 Annual Report

Trustee's Report – Bill Van Dusen – page 7-8 Annual Report

The trustees could have not been successful without the help and support of the UCC members, friends, helpers and associates. The five year major project plan was finalized in 2015. There are lots of things to do in 2016. The first priority will be the Church Street project. The emphasis for 2016 is on activities/support for the pastoral transition – redecorate the administration office, take care as necessary items needed at the parsonage.

Bill Van Dusen proposed a motion to increase the number of trustees from the current number of seven to nine members. Bev Badger motioned to accept the motion and Ellie Jordan seconded. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Also in the five year plan is redecorating the sanctuary, a committee should be created for this purpose. It was discussed and decided that a motion is not needed for this to happen. David Makepeace mentioned that it can be put on the agenda for the February church Council meeting. If anyone is interested in being on that committee, then let the trustees know.

David Makepeace – All chair people do a great job. Thank you to Bill, his tenure has been exceptional. He is rotating off of the Trustees.

Deacon's Report – Mike Baker - page 9-10 Annual Report

Thank you to all the committee members, we had a pretty busy year.

Christian Education Report – Kathy Kimber – page 11 Annual Report

Kathy thanks all the members of her committee.

Community Life Report – Helen Johnson – page 13 Annual Report

Spaghetti dinner distribution –

Grace Jackson shared the proposed charities for the months of 2016 -

January – Embrace Your Sisters

February – Salem Bus Token Fund

March – Food Pantry

April – "Tech Support" – church web site costs, phone ministry, projector, tv, copier costs...

May – Food Pantry

June – UCC phone ministry

July – Salem Bus Token Fund

August – "Tech Support"

September – Food Pantry

October – Embrace Your Sisters

November – no supper (Election Day Dinner)

## December – Food Pantry

Discussion about phone ministry, even though it is less, it still is \$120.00 for the year, so keep for this year.

Carol Ann May questioned about some charities listed twice. Grace reminded that starting last year it was decided that each month 40% of profits are donated to charity and 60% of profits are to stay with the church. This means that less is donated each month. Carol Ann asked about the Red Cross being a recipient as they used to. Grace reminded her that the Western Ontario Red Cross had disbanded. She mentioned that they are always happy to have suggestions for donation locations and that they will make a note for next year. David mentioned that once voted on the charities cannot be changed.

A motion was made by Donna Fulmer to accept the spaghetti dinner donation report and Joan Hohmann seconded. There was no more discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Mike Baker to accept all the reports. Carol Ann May seconded. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

## New Business

Nomination Committee – Kathy Kimber reported for Elin Orman

Kathy read off the names of all of the incoming members of the church committees. The report to be included with the others posted on the website. Ellie Jordan made a motion to approve the nominations, Patti Ruppert seconded. There was no discussion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

J.K. Boodley – discussed the process of the Pastoral Search – page 5 Annual Report

The search for the next pastor will be a spiritual process, following God's guidance, during the weeks and months ahead, as you and God work together to find the right leadership for the church. You will not find another person who will stay with the congregation for 35 years. You should treasure the experience that you had with Brian. Most pastor's average tenure is about five years.

Generally the congregation only works with the conference minister in the pastoral search, with the Interim Pastor not involved at all. Due to our circumstances, J.K. asked for and received permission to get us started in the process. The first step is to get the committee in place. As per the UCC Constitution, Article 4, Officers (Section IIG), the Church Council will appoint the members of the Special Nominating Committee which will consist of three members: one member from the Board of Deacons, one member from the Board of Trustees and one member from the Board of Christian Education. The Moderator can be the head of that if he so chooses. This group will consider and recruit seven to nine members of the congregation to become a part of the search committee. The steps of the process were outlined in the newsletter as well. JK's involvement in the process will end when the UCC's church profile is sent to the data base.

Questions:

Bill Van Dusen asked who we send the church profile to?

JK responded it will go to the UCC National data base for prospective ministers to search. This is organized by state and conference.

Bill – Can the committee look at that data base?

JK – I have never seen that happen.

Nancy Apolito – We can go on the UCC website, but do not have access to the data base.

Bev Badger – We will only have one candidate to look at? What if the congregation votes this person down, would we start back at the beginning?

JK – In the UCC, it is the Search Committee that boils it down to one candidate. If the person is not accepted, you would go back to some of the other candidates and they would move up the list. The

congregation votes on just one person. The Search Committee does the work to find that one person and you have to have faith in that committee. This process will last a minimum of a year.

Marilyn Passer – Can the Search Committee hear more than one person in the neutral pulpit?

JK – Good question to ask the Conference Minister.

Grace Jackson/Nancy Apolito/Doug Kraft were on the interim Pastor Search Committee. They report there is a whole lot of information on line about prospective pastors. You can see sermons on line, so have access to seeing the person for more than one sermon. The interims also provided a DVD of one of their sermons.

Charlie Johnstone – Lots of churches record their services.

Kathy Kimber – Can the congregation see some of those sermons?

JK – The focus is on the Search Committee, that is a question you can ask the Conference minister.

Bev Badger – Communication is important in the next steps of the process.

JK – The newsletter and weekly bulletin is a good way to keep the congregation informed.

Larry McGahey – What is UCC doing to have turnover in congregations?

JK – Perhaps other pastoral opportunities, have outgrown the position that they are in, burnout, working with more than one congregation, growth and changes, spouse moves for a new job, size, salary.

Larry M. – Are we limited only to UCC pastors?

JK – No. The UCC does have cross denominational relationships so clergy with other denominations could work within the UCC.

Peter Nillson – Any of mainline protestant congregations are “suitable for call”.

Ellie Jordan – We need to have faith and trust that the people involved will do the best for the congregation.

Patti Ruppert – Even Brian investigated other opportunities and thought about leaving.

JK – At the February Church Council meeting the council will be proceeding with appointing the Special Nominating Committee.

David Makepeace – I hope that the congregation can trust that at the meeting in February the Council will consider all points of view, all age groups, backgrounds to get a broad spectrum of members for the Search Committee.

JK asked his previous church what one quality they found to be the most important quality that a member of a search committee could have or be willing to develop. They responded that one characteristic you need is to be a good to great team player. You have to be an effective member of the team or group, Listen carefully to others on the committee, contribute to the discussions, and work well with others. All the members need to be an active part of the committee, and state their views. Individuals that dominate discussions, who shut down others and who are not willing to absorb new information can make a long and somewhat tedious process more difficult. This is not to say you should not develop your own views. You need to work through challenges with the right frame of mind. The committee will make many decisions. How members behave on some decisions will affect how other decisions are made. Each committee member should state their views for each decision and issue, so there are no surprises later. This has to be an open and supportive process.

Carol Ann May moved to adjourn the meeting, Ellie Jordan seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.



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### Senior Lunch Program

The Congregate Lunch Program offered by the Ontario County Office for the Aging continues to be hosted in our dining hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Anyone (and everyone!) over the age of 60 is welcome to join us for lunch, which is served promptly at noon. A \$3.50 donation is requested, but not mandatory. All are fed. A menu for the month of January has been posted on the bulletin board as you enter the church. This is a great opportunity to meet throughout the week and catch up with members of the community who might not necessarily attend our church. Reservations are required no less than 24 hours in advance-please call 585-394-4196 for more information.



### MKL Jr. Celebration

M.L. King Celebration: “Let Freedom Ring—Stories of Courage and Sacrifice ”  
We are living in divisive times, symbolized by the use of the U.S. flag to stand for white supremacy while some athletes “take the knee” rather than standing for the National Anthem. At our 10th Annual Martin Luther King Celebration, we will reclaim the uniting values of our nation—“Liberty and justice for all.” Youth and adults will join in portraying stories of courage and sacrifice that have kept these values alive in the past and up through our actions today. And the Sperry MLK Singers will bring their moving music.

The celebration will be held at 7:00-8:00 PM Thursday, January 12, at Henrietta United Church of Christ, 1400 Lehigh Station Rd., Henrietta 14467. Refreshments will follow. The program is designed to be uplifting to children, youth and adults. For any overflow parking, a continuous shuttle bus will be available from the nearby Sherman School parking lot, 50 Authors Ave. (just south of Lehigh Station Rd.)



# THE MONTH OF January

| Sunday  | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|---|---|-----------|---|---|
| <b>1 10:00A Worship</b><br>8:30a Choir  | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b><br>6:30p Youth Group   | <b>4</b><br><br>5-7pm Spaghetti Dinner | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7 9a-10:30 Pantry</b><br><br><b>DINNER &amp; A MOVIE 6P</b> |
| <b>8 10:00A Worship</b><br>8:30a Choir<br>11a Knitting Ministry   | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b><br>10a Bible Study<br>6:30p Bells<br>6:30p Youth Group                  | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b><br><br><b>Amerks Game 6p</b> | <b>14</b>   |
| <b>15 10:00A Worship</b><br>8:30a Choir<br>9:00a Children's Choir<br><b>11:00a Annual Cong. Meeting</b> | <b>16</b><br> | <b>17</b><br>10a Bible Study<br>6:30p Bells<br>NO YOUTH GROUP                     | <b>18</b>   | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b>   | <b>21 9a-10:30 Pantry</b>   |
| <b>22 10:00A Worship</b><br>8:30a Choir<br>9:00a Children's Choir                                       | <b>23</b>   | <b>24</b><br>10a Bible Study<br>6:30p Bells<br>6:30p Youth Group                  | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b>   | <b>28</b>   |
| <b>29 10:00A Worship</b><br>8:30a Choir<br>9:00a Children's Choir                                       | <b>30</b>   | <b>31</b><br>10a Bible Study<br>6:30p Bells<br>6:30p Youth Group<br><br><b>16</b> |   |           |   |   |