

THE NEWSLETTER

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
HONEOYE, NEW YORK

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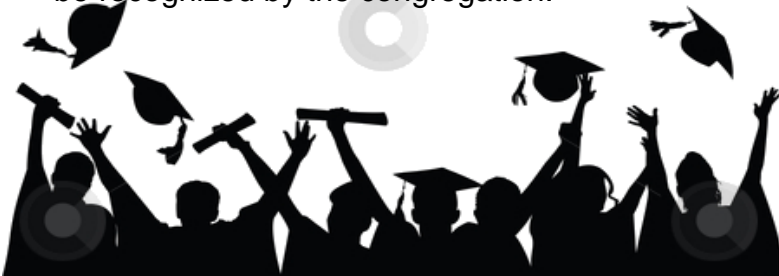
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*Wednesday, June 3rd
5-7pm
(A portion of the proceeds to benefit
UCC Phone Ministry)*

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HONORED

On Sunday, June 21st at the 10 a.m. Worship Service our high school graduates will be recognized by the congregation.



GIVE BLOOD

Thursday, June 18

1:45-7:45



This time of transitioning towards retirement has meant for me adjustments in how I think about the future. From a personal point of view Wendy and I are facing, contemplating and making decisions about our future. From a pastoral prospective, however, it has been more challenging for me than I ever expected. I did not realize how much of my thought, time and energy as Pastor went into thinking about the future of this congregation. Now I do not and cannot think past the end of October as far as the congregation is concerned. As the retiring pastor I get go all this.

For most of my ministry I have planned three months, six months, a year and even three to five years ahead. I read books, articles and attended conferences and workshops about the issues congregations like ours face. I tried to be prepared for the challenges we face, like the rapid cultural changes we are experiencing, and how I could address them from the pulpit and in our life together. I would seek to be conscious of issues arises both within and beyond the congregation seeking to discover small problems before that became big ones. I worked on leadership development, personal and professional spiritual growth and how I could be a more effective and faithful pastor and always in the process I have had this congregation in mind.

Now I let that all go for this congregation. It is not that I do not care about this congregation's future. I do deeply care. Your lives have been woven into mine for the past 35 years and I will always care about the congregation and each you in it. One of the many reasons I decided to retire is that I no

longer have the energy to provide the leadership that is needed for the congregation to move into the future I see coming and to help it takes the next steps forward. The process of looking for a new pastor and the work with the interim pastor will provide energy, insight and direction for the congregation to move into that future.

A past associate conference minister once said a pastor who retires from his last congregation will always be open to some kind of disappointment after retirement. If when a new pastor is selected for the congregation who does not work out well, or the congregation declines or faces problems, then the retired pastor will be disappointed because all the work he or she had put into the congregation might seem for naught. However, if when a new pastor comes and the congregation grows and is energized and further develops its mission and ministry, then the recently retired pastor will also feel disappointment because he or she will wonder what he or she could have done but didn't do or could have done differently. I hope to be disappointed by the later scenario.

Through it all, however, the future of this congregation will be left in the capable hands and hearts of all of you who call this congregation your congregation. Every pastor is a temporary. The life and ministry of this congregation will continue into an unknown future because of your commitment faith and willingness to trust that God's Spirit is leading this congregation. Trust and support the lay leaders you have selected. Trust and support the process, as slow or frustrating as it might seem at time.

Peace, Brian

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

On Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. you are invited to participate in reviewing the scripture texts for the next Sunday's worship service. The discussion is free and flowing, no prior Biblical knowledge required, only the freedom to ask questions, make comments, laugh and deepen your understanding of the Bible. Come each Tuesday, or as you can. The Pastor leads this group. We will be ending for the summer on June 25.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR JUNE

June 7

1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20
Psalm 138
2 Cor. 4:13-5:1
Mark 3:20-35

June 21

1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Cor. 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 14

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20
2 Cor. 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 28

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130
2 Cor. 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

YOUTH, INTERGENERATIONAL AND ADULT SUMMER CHURCH CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center, which is located on Lake Erie, just north of Dunkirk, NY is part of the United Church of Christ and offers summer church camp opportunities for youth, families and adults. Information about what is offered for camps can be found on their website at <http://www.dunkirkcc.com/> or on their newsletter which is posted on the bulletin board outside the church office door.



BICYCLE TRIP BLOG

As most of you know, I am leading 8 of us on a bicycle trip across the US this summer. The trip begins on June 26 on the Pacific Ocean near Astoria, Oregon at the mouth of the Columbia River. A map of the planned route of 55 days will be posted outside the door of the church office if you are interested in the details. Our group of 8 people has an official blog which can be reached at <http://www.crazyguyonabike.com/doc/Honeoye2015> on which we will post daily where we are, have pictures and tidbits about the trip. In addition I will be posting on my Facebook page additional pictures and comments. If you want to access to the Facebook page, I will "friend" you if you request it. -Brian

NEW YORK CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

Don Bennett and the Pastor will be attending the NY Conference at Silver Bay on Lake George June 5&6. This is a meeting with representatives of the 259 UCC congregations in NY State.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 1st at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.





SERVING AT SALEM

On Monday, June 22 (fourth Monday of the each month) come and participate in the Salem Nutrition Center noon lunch ministry, providing dinner for those who might not necessarily have a good meal otherwise. There are tasks for everyone in helping the other volunteer staff in prepare and serve this meal. If you are 12 or older and would like to come, let the Pastor know. We will car pool from church, leave at 9 am from the church parking lot and return no later than 2:30 pm. We will eat lunch at Salem. If you are have questions or interested in going, please contact the Pastor (229-5302).

FLOWER POWER PEOPLE!

Ellie Jordan will be organizing volunteers for the Flower Power People in the weeks ahead! These are the folks amongst us with the green thumbs, or those wanting to learn. If you are interested in helping maintain the flower beds this summer, please see Ellie.



The Spring Rummage Sale was a success! The Baked Goods Sale brought in \$195, while the Rummage Sale made \$3105. Included in this total is \$85 worth of vouchers paid by the Food Pantry for supporting the people in their program as well. A special Thank you goes out to everyone that participated- those who donated items, wrote ads, moved tables and chairs, sorted and folded and refolded clothing. Thank you for finding treasures in boxes and bags, big and small – cleaning them up and displaying them lovingly. Thank you for baking something special. Thank you for opening your hearts to those that come in to the sale, noticing need and finding just the right purchase for someone. Thank you for negotiating a "deal". Thank you for filling bags and resorting items to be used through the Volunteers of America. Thank you for pushing a broom, carrying out trash, hauling things to be re-purposed. Thank You.

-Connie, Jane (2) and Nancy

MEET THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTOR!

Join us as we welcome Beth Stowe as the Honeoye United Church of Christ's Sunday School Director. This May's Youth Sunday was a shining demonstration of Beth's joy and abilities in working with the younger members of our congregation. Congratulations, Beth!



- 3 James Fulmer
- 4 Susan Kraft
- 6 David Fox
- 8 Debra Meek, Don Bennett
- 12 Darlene Tschorke
- 15 Garry Wohlschlegel, Madelyn Brown, Betty Read
- 18 Gerald Turner
- 23 Marcia Walter
- 24 Dianna Galante, Mark Andrews
- 25 James T. Fulmer
- 26 Peter Nilsson, Nancy Pease, James Mitchell
- 27 Megan Badger
- 29 Ruth Sauerwein
- 30 Zachary Krause



NEWS FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

We are just wrapping up another school year of snack packs for our local kids in need to have food for the weekends. We are very fortunate to have a great group of volunteers helping at the pantry that filled “1380” bags of nutritional food and some fun snacks for students to take home on the weekends. Also, the ladies from Unified of Honeoye were a huge help in delivering the bags to the HCS nurse each week!

We are proud and grateful to say that our pantry is meeting the needs of our clients each week because of the very caring community we live in. This past month we received several generous donations to carry us another month out – thank you so much!

One new personal project I started this month is raising hens so that I can donate eggs to the pantry. I’ve heard the good reasons to raise chickens: the eggs are delicious and they make for fun pets, among other benefits. I’ve also heard the negative side, but I’ll look past that for now and try to think positive. I will keep you posted on my farming status. Hope they lay for a while and don’t turn into chicken soup too soon!

Don



NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thank you! First of all thank you to Beth Hughes, Karen Yax and Helen Johnson for their time and dedication to making it a successful year in Sunday School. Best of luck to Beth Hughes as she is now working in her new job with immigrants.

Thank you also to Beth Stowe, Jill Potts and Karen for creating and organizing our Youth Sunday program. And thank you to all the kids, parents and especially all the volunteer teachers who have participated in Sunday school this year!

This summer we are looking forward to a wide variety of activities with the children. Activities are designed for ages K-3 and older children are always welcome as helpers. If you are able to help out with the kids' activities for one Sunday this summer please contact Kathy Kimber.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR THE SUMMER

We are currently in the planning stages for events for the summer. If you have suggestions or requests please contact any member of the Board of Christian Education.

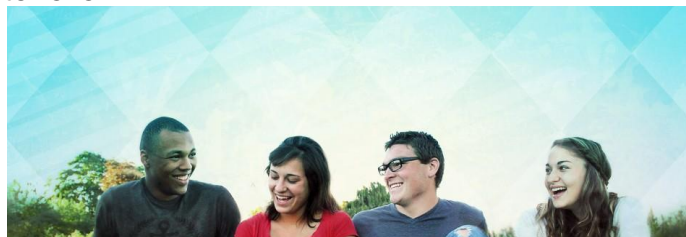
NEW CHILD SAFETY POLICY

In response to a request from the Church's Insurer and as good practice according to the National UCC Conference we will be adopting a new child safety policy. These policies and procedures are designed to keep kids safe. Please check your e-mail for the details or see the Sunday School Bulletin Board.



TEENS SAVE THE DATE!

All teenagers are invited to go to serve at the Salem Soup Kitchen on Monday, July 27th. Details can be found in the article above. More to follow.



BEAD FOR LIFE EVENT

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Bead for Life event. We sold over \$1,000 dollars of merchandise to help combat extreme poverty in Uganda! Please check out www.beadforlife.org for more information and to continue supporting this great cause.





RAMBLINGS FROM THE OLD ONE

One morning at about 4:00 (I usually get up about 8:00) I had this GREAT idea that I would ramble about things that many of you know and remember-but-I would make a "test" out of it. You would have to supply the year. Answers will be at the end of the column-up to you if you want to peek or guess. Give it a try!

1. We were blessed and entertained by an A capella Choir in our community. They sang in four part harmony usually, but sometimes eight part (remember, no accompaniment) for about 45 minutes. The members were Ron Barrett; Larry Becker; Sharleen Deisenroth; Jan Dixon; Penny Jones; Gary Meek; Beth Tyler; and Dan Babcock. I'm sure you recognized many names. Question: What year?

2. The first Rummage Sale held jointly with the school to make money for a community playground was held. Wedny Havavitch, the self-styled "Rummage Queen" was the enthusiastic leader for years. A big thank you to Nancy, Connie and Jayne for their untiring leadership in making this a successful money raising event still. We look forward to this in the spring and in the fall. Question: What year?

3. UCC now has an Email address, UCChone@frontiernet.net. Question: What year?

4. A volunteer crew replaced the leaking green room roof. Don Pease reported on "A Good Crew and a Good Time" in the September Newsletter. A copy of his article is posted on the church meetings bulletin board in the hallway. Be sure to read it. You made it sound like a fun day, Don. Question: What year?

5. For years, the church held an Annual Meeting in January and a semi-annual meeting in July. Because of poor attendance at the July meetings, it was voted to combine it with the June Council meeting. Question: What year?

6. A Prayer Shawl Ministry was formed to meet monthly to knit shawls, hats and mittens. The basic premise is to knit a prayer into each stitch. This group was organized by our "Amazing Grace" Jackson. Question: What year?

7. The choir benefitted from a gift of padded chairs in the chancel area-thank you to Edgar Sargent. Question: What year?

8. There were 20 in the Confirmation Class. As it usually happens most are no longer active in the community (kids do grow up!)-but-16 of the Mentors are still very church oriented. Question: What year?

9. In 1972, a Food Pantry was established on a few shelves in St. Mary's Rectory. When space became available at UCC the Pantry was moved into the old kitchen area. Now it is thriving and fills the old basement area as well. Some of the dedicated (And I do mean dedicated) leaders have been Lindy Bruce; Joyce Janowski; Renee and Tom Thornton and Don Fox. Food Pantry is open two Saturday mornings a month. What an asset to the community. Question: What year was it moved to UCC?

10. Getting-to-Know-You Dinners were held at members homes. About 8-10 people were randomly selected to meet at a host's home. The host coordinated the dinner. Question: What year did this fun time start?

11. Marcus and Ruth Sauerwein from Germany served as assistant pastors while Brian was on Sabbatical. Question: What year?

Okay, this is it. I hope this brought memories up to date for you. Thank you for participating. If you had all 11 correct you get 11 "pats" with my cane!

Answers: 1. **1998** 2. **1993** 3. **2001** 4. **1998** 5. **1999**
6. **2005** 7. **1998** 8. **2001** 9. **1988** 10. **1909** 11. **2010**

