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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, Mike Baker, Kelly Roller, Joni Nilsson, Bill Van Dusen, Karen Yax, Beth Stowe, Louise Holmes, and Megan Apolito.

We are getting closer! The church profile and video have been finalized by our committee. We are awaiting the final approval from our conference consulting minister, Rev. Ryan Henderson. When approval is given, Rev. Henderson will assist us in writing an abstract to be posted on the conference website. An abstract is basically a summary of the profile and contact information; if a pastor seeking a position desires to learn more about HUCC, a link to our in-depth profile is provided. Your continued prayers and patience are deeply appreciated.



SPAGHETTI SUPPER
DECEMBER 7TH FROM 4:30PM-7:00PM
TO BENEFIT THE HONEOYE FOOD PANTRY



YOUTH GROUP KICKOFF!
DECEMBER 6TH 6:30PM-7:30PM
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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. Because of the timing of Christmas this December, we will not be taking the trip this month. We will resume again in January. If you have any questions, please see Margot for more information.



News from the Visitation Committee

Visitations are currently being made to 15 members and friends of HCCC. In the past, during the Christmas season, a small gift (such as slippers), was delivered to each of them. This year the committee is giving a "certificate" offering to do a "job" for the recipient. They can request what will help them specifically. Examples might be an outing, a ride to an appointment, washing windows, fixing a door that does not latch properly, a meal or a favorite food, etc. Anyone in the congregation can be a part of this, and bring comfort, cheer, and joy into their homes. We hope some families or young people would like to join us in this endeavor.

A huge thank you to St. Mary's church for their generous offer to include our shut-ins with theirs in receiving a free turkey dinner on Sunday, Nov. 20th. It was very heartwarming for us to witness the joy and appreciation shown by those receiving the meals as we delivered their "real turkey dinners." Thank you, St. Mary's!



A Christmas Story

You are welcome to join our monthly "Dinner & a Movie" on Saturday evening, December 3rd. This month, we're inviting families to join us, children included! Dinner is at 6:00pm in the church dining room. We will be ordering pizza and asking that each family please bring a prepared soup, salad, bread or a dessert to share. At 7:00pm we will move downstairs to our amphitheater room which has a big screen and surround sound to watch the movie. Of course, we will supply the popcorn! Afterwards, we will return to the dining room for dessert and discussion of the film.

This month's movie is *A Christmas Story*. Christmas is approaching and 9 year-old Ralphie wants only one thing: a Red Ryder Range 200 Shot BB gun. When he mentions it at the dinner table, his mother's immediate reaction is that he'll put his eye out. He then decides on a perfect theme for his teacher but her reaction is like his. He fantasizes about what it would be like to be Red Ryder and catch the bad guys. When the big day arrives he gets lots of present under the tree including a lovely gift from his aunt that his mother just adores. But what about the BB gun?

The next "Dinner & a Movie" is Saturday, January 7th. 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 January's choice you can contact Don at honeyefoodpantry@gmail.com.



“Looking Back & Looking Ahead” from the intentional interim minister, Rev. James K. Boodley

As of December, I will have spent a year with you as your intentional interim minister. During that time, I've marveled at your energy, enthusiasm, earnestness, and sense of community. New efforts such as the visitation committee, youth group, and the still-in-the-works emergency aid committee have begun to take root and grow. And while attending a recent workshop on helping congregations through times of transition, it became clear that HUCC is growing from a pastoral church (one in which the pastor takes the lead on the majority of church activities) to a program church in which members of the congregation move ahead with programming on their own initiative. The latter provides room for individuals and groups to explore and develop their own passions and interests, which provide a sense of new possibilities for the entire congregation.

With the presidential election behind us, I've also received some helpful feedback about my sharing my own political points of view, as well-intentioned as those remarks may have felt at the time. As an interim, my first priority is to assist you in your transition toward a permanent pastor. That will continue to be the case.

As a minister, however, my ongoing responsibility will be to do my best to wonder with you, “What would Jesus have to say about this?” whatever “this” might be at the time. Add in a healthy dose of the Holy Spirit and the next question becomes, “What’s our response to this?” That’s a much more challenging question to answer, but an important one nonetheless. Wrestling with both of those questions *will* feel political; that can’t be helped. Our lives take place in the political environment of the moment. At the same time, I hope our working through those questions together will help provide moments of clarity in what promises to be a thought-provoking future.

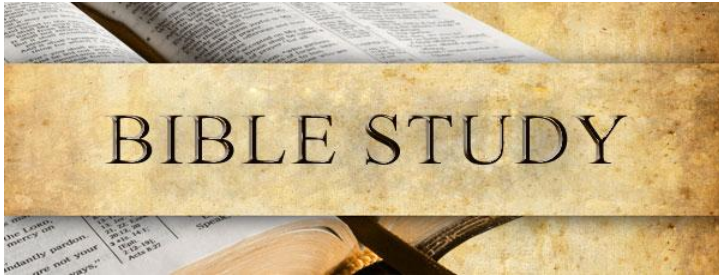
At the beginning of our time together I said, “If I haven’t ticked you off by the time our work is through, then I haven’t done my job properly.” People always smile when I say that but are less than happy when it happens. That’s understandable. Likewise, one of the best compliments I heard at the end of one of my interims was, “We didn’t always agree with you, but you always made us think.” I’ll be mindful about annoying you needlessly, which isn’t the same as avoiding controversy at all costs. I will, however, always attempt to make you think even – and especially – when there’s the possibility we may disagree.

With that in mind, here are two new questions to get you thinking: “What do you want in the way of permanent pastoral leadership when it comes to talking about current events?” Whatever your answer, you’ll need to let your pastoral candidates know your thoughts so s/he can make an informed decision about working with you. The more challenging question, though, is, “What does God hope of us when it comes to responding to current events?” I don’t know the mind of God, but I’m trusting in the Holy Spirit to keep encouraging us to wrestle with that question on a daily basis.

Finally, I’ll share the observation that HUCC is a tight-knit faith community that, in many ways, rises above the divisiveness of politics. That’s no small accomplishment when considering the diversity of the people coming through the church doors each Sunday and during the week. Being an example of a genuinely loving group which welcomes growth as individuals and as a congregation will continue to make HUCC a fulfilling place to be for members, visitors, and in time, a new pastor.

Good job, people. I look forward to continuing the journey with you.

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.

December 1

Isa 2:1-5
Psalm 122
Rom 13:11-14
Matt 24:36-44

December 8

Isa 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Rom 15:4-13
Matt 3:1-12

December 15

Isa 35:1-10
Luke 1:47-55
James 5:7-10
Matt 11:2-11

December 22

Isa 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Rom 1:1-7
Matt 1:18-25

December 24

Isa 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20

December 29

Isa 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Heb 2:10-18
Matt 2:13-23



DECEMBER

- 7 Lindsey Pestle
- 8 David Makepeace (son), Angela Wohlschlegel
- 9 Carl Roberts
- 13 Andrew Hohmann
- 14 Laurie Card, Heather Shepard
- 16 Bob Bacon
- 17 Maren Tompkins
- 21 Nathan Krause, Michael Johnson
- 23 Mike Mitchell
- 24 Alison Holmes Simpson
- 27 Javy Makepeace
- 30 Neil Petty



Christmas is coming...and we have cookbooks for gift giving!

Christmas is coming very quickly, seems like it was just summer. We have distributed many cookbooks, but still have some for your Christmas gift giving. They will be available at the Spaghetti Supper on December 7th at \$17.00 each, as well as on Sundays after worship service during coffee hour. You may also contact Annie by email at Anneeki@gmail.com. The cookbook has gotten great reviews, so hurry and get your cookbooks before they are gone...-Annie Bacon-





The Honeoye UCC Youth Group

The youth group kicks off on Tuesday, December 6th at 6:30pm! Kids and teens in grades 5 and up are encouraged to join us in the church dining hall. We will open up with a fun game, move on to a healthy snack and discussion, then do a fun team building exercise, and be 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!

We will continue to meet on December 13th, but we also have some fun events coming up!

Monday, December 19th at 6:00pm we will meet in the church dining hall for our youth group Christmas Pizza Party! We will be car pooling together to sing carols to some of our church family and friends! When we finish, there will be hot chocolate and cookies waiting for us back at the church.

Christmas vacation church lock-in! Just like a regular Tuesday youth group meeting, we will be starting at 6:30pm in the dining hall-except, this is a LOCK IN! Bring a sleeping bag, your pajamas and a pillow-we're staying all night! We will do our regular fun activities, then come together to watch a movie and eat popcorn before lights out! In the morning, we will enjoy a big pancake breakfast together before working on a small church project. Parents will need to arrange pick up by 12:00noon.

Amerks Hockey Game Friday, January 13th. We will meet at the church at 6:00pm and carpool to Rochester to enjoy a great game of Hockey! This event is open to the entire congregation-not just youth group! Tickets are \$12.00 and will need to be purchased in advance-please see Cydney Hess before December 21st for reservations!

As always, volunteers are welcome! If you would like to be involved in any of the activities we've listed, please see Greg Badger or Cydney Hess, or email HUCCyouthgroup@gmail.com.



Fall Sale: Thank you and Update

Thank you to everyone who helped and shopped at our Fall Sale on October 21st and 22nd. It was a challenge for sure – as the rain did keep people away, especially on Friday. We got thru it and even made \$2500 – not quite as good as our Spring Sale, as we had great weather for that one. We are blessed (and pleased) that we were able to provide many wonderful things for people at reasonable prices, and still made some money along the way. Thank you to everyone who participated!

We are going to brainstorm new ideas for next Spring's Sale and asking for the congregation's help. If anyone has any ideas as to how to improve the "Sale," please email them to Annie Bacon (Anneeski@gmail.com). We are hoping to make the next sale bigger and better.



community life

The board of community life continues to be involved in many fun and exciting things-most of which require cookies! If you're a baker, we could always use more!

On **December 11th** after church we will be packing cookies for the Food Pantry's Christmas baskets. All hands will to help are most appreciated!

December 19th we are partnering with the Youth Group for a Pizza Party and Christmas carols! If you would like to eat, sing and be merry with us, we'd love to have you! Please see Helen for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

December is such an exciting time of year. With all the activities of the season, it is important for families to remain focused on the extraordinary gift God presented to us through the birth of our Savior. That being said, it is not always an easy task to keep our children focused on Jesus and not the materialistic society we live in.

On **December 18th** the Sunday school will present "A Honeoye Christmas." With the premise that God loves all people, this play allows the children to act out ways that do and do not glorify God during this special time of year. The month of December will be spent preparing for the presentation.

We will be building and painting props, practicing scenes and sharing this wonderful season together as a large group. There has been concern in the past that during times when we put on such a big production that we lose sight of teaching the Christmas story. I want to assure you that we will join together the first 10 minutes of each Sunday to talk about the meaning of Advent and the

Christmas story itself. The younger classes that need more time learning the details of the story will in fact spend part of their time in practice with the larger group and part of their time in their room reviewing the Christmas story. While we practice and present material that exhibits the true meaning of Christmas, my hope is that each child will grow stronger in their faith while at the same time join together and having fun with their faith family.

We have only four short weeks to pull this all together, so I ask parents and grandparents to commit to getting all the children to church from November 27th – December 18th. We will begin painting props and handing out parts November 27th. We will also have practice 45 minutes after church in the sanctuary on December 4th and December 11th. So, please do your best to join us for as many Sundays as possible and I will do my best to make it a worthwhile and memorable event for your family.

If any adults want to join in the fun, just let me know. We will never turn away help!

Merry Christmas!

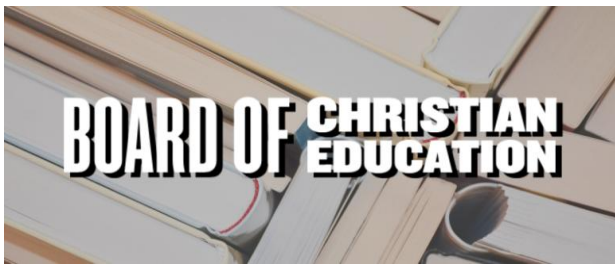


NY/HELP HONDURAS

NY/HELP Honduras is pleased to announce that we will be making another trip in January. As you know, the Honeoye UCC has always been a major supporter of our work in Honduras with the Mataderos Tribe, and David Makepeace will be leading this trip.

Our trip goals are to support our medical clinic and nurse, begin securing classes for the women of the tribe and construct roofs and latrines in the area around our clinic.

Anyone interested in more information may speak to David, Kathy Kimber or Dick DeNise.



Advent!

We encourage everyone to participate in "Advent: Taking it Home" again this year. Please pick up a handout at church any Sunday during Advent or contact Shannon Seddon or Kathy Kimber for an electronic copy. During this time of watchful waiting, we hope everyone will bring the season of Advent into your home, share it with friends and family and take some time to strive for peace, in our lives and in our world.

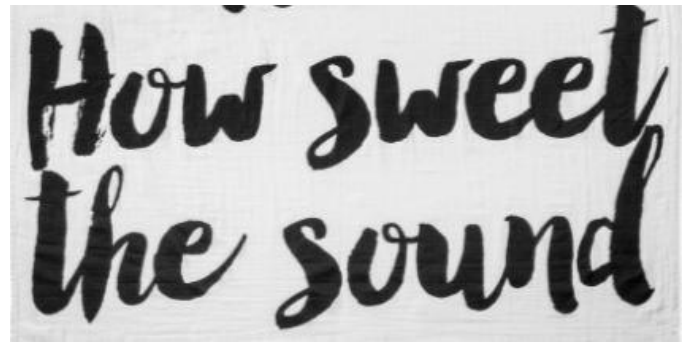
Safe Church Policy

At our November meeting the Board updated our Safe Church Policy and we are currently working with Cydney and Beth to implement this policy which includes having parents or guardians sign permission slips and volunteers fill out information sheets. Kathy Kimber will be working to update permission slips and Karen Yax will be working to distribute the Safe Church Policy to volunteers and teachers and gather information sheets over the next few months. We will also be investigating the possibility of a downloadable form for participation in events such as Youth Group Activities. If you have any questions about the Safe Church Policy please let any member of the Board of Christian Education know. An updated copy is available on the bulletin board across from the Church office.

Looking Ahead

We are thinking about possible focus topics for spring especially for Teen and Adult Education opportunities. One idea we are currently exploring is an investigation into the implications of White Privilege. You can see a video regarding this concept at the UCC Website <http://privilege.uccpages.org/>. If you scroll down just a bit, there is a 3 minute video which serves as a good introduction to this topic. If you have any suggestions for adult education topics we would love to hear from you.

We wish you a peaceful, blessed holy season.
Gail Baader, Jeff Brown, Kathy Kimber, Joni Nilsson, Shannon Seddon, Tom Taylor, Sara Tompkins Karen Yax and Melanie Youman.



Honeoye UCC Annual Christmas Concert

The annual Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. Included in the concert are the string band, the adult choir, bell choir, children's choir, soloists, Odd Men Out, dancing and a holiday sing along. Please join us!



Bell Choir

After our performance in the Christmas Concert, there will be no rehearsal on December 13th. Rehearsals will resume on December 20th.



Hear "The tintinnabulation that so musically swells from the bells, bells, bells." Edgar Allan Poe.

How many of you remember when Honeoye UCC did not have a bell choir? I'm sure the old timers (no names mentioned I do, but to many of you, the bell choir has always been an integral part of the church.)

In 1986, Wilma Zollweg-who now lives in Tennessee-suggested the possibility of a Bell Choir. There was definite interest in the idea. Arrangements were made to borrow a set from the church of the Master in Rochester. This worked so well that a bell committee was formed and immediately went to work.

From Clerk's minutes, "The experience with the borrowed hand bells was very successful. There is a definite interest in adding hand bells to our musical program."

At the semi-annual meeting in June 1986, Dick De Nise presented the findings of the bell committee. They proposed that the church purchase a Schulmerich Hand bell package of three octaves, cost \$4,524 plus \$100 shipping charges. The 37 bells are of good quality and guaranteed for life. The package included a portable bell table, carrying case and other accessories. In the discussion that followed, it was brought out that money could be used from the Memorial Fund if not enough was raised from donations. In the course of the discussion, Ginny DeNise remarked that, "Money is a tool. It can be used in many ways. Some churches with endowments but no people are closing." (I'm sure I "rambled" that quotation before but I like it!)

Grace Jackson moved that we purchase the prepared package and it was carried that the music committee be empowered to purchase the package with the approval of Council and trustees with a \$900 down payment. (Clerk's note: "In all my years of recording church minutes I have never recorded one received with more enthusiasm. The bells are certainly ringing.")

After the bells were purchased the church gave \$100 to the Church of the Master for so graciously letting us use theirs.

By 1987 we had two choirs; one directed by Wilma and the other by Ruth Roberts.

By November 1986 we had paid \$3,732.88. Choirs were practicing on Wednesdays in the morning and evening.

In April 1988 the Bell Choir request for money to buy more robes was turned down and DROPPED from the table.

In 1990 there were three choirs-Twinkle Bells, Youth Bells and Evening Bells. The Twinkle Bells had eight children grades 4 and 5 and the Youth Bells had 11 members grades 6 and 9.

The Adult Choir played at the Cuba Fest with 13 other bell choirs and played at a statewide Eastern state function in Rushville-among other functions. The youth played at the Thanksgiving Ecumenical service and both the youth and Twinkle group played at school assemblies. Also in 1990 an additional three octaves were purchased.

It was reported in the Annual Report in 1992 that "Wilma Zollweg is a very able director for three bell choirs-an adult group that plays very well in competitions, a sixth grade quartet and a children's group."

In 1993 Wilma resigned as Bell Director because she was leaving the area. "Our utmost thanks goes to Wilma for the devotion she gave the Bell Choirs. She will be remembered for bringing to Honeoye the beautiful music of the bells."

Some additional thoughts about Wilma. Besides the groups mentioned she played many solos-had short term groups as well as an all men's group; helped Mary Bush with solos and took the choirs to perform on other occasions not already mentioned.

I think this is a good time to insert a personal note. I was in the Morning Group. We played several familiar Christmas carols at a meeting for the Women's Fellowship. As we were starting one song Wilma looked at me and mouthed, "Jane, are you on the right song?" My answer: "of course!" At the end of the song I whispered to Patti Ruppert playing next to me, "isn't this the song we play twice?" Patti's answer, "no Jane-that was two songs ago." The surprising part is that I came out with the rest of them. I don't know how many ladies heard those discordant notes. Poor Wilma! Do you understand why I never advanced to the Evening Group?

After Wilma's resignation Nancy Pease took over as Director and Ginny DeNise the administrator.

In 1997 Grace Jackson "took over"-Nancy still directing.

In 1998 the Evening Bells played for church, special services, nursing homes and Sr. Citizen group.

Ginny DeNise also acted as Choir Director during this period.

This brings us to 2000 and a good time to rest! Look forward to hearing more about "our bells" next month!!!!

Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle bells, bells, bells.



senior**nutrition**

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 November 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.



East Bloomfield UMC invites you...

Hope for the Holidays: Thursday, December 1st and 6:00pm, please join us for a Blue Christmas Service, celebrating and remembering those we miss. RSVP to Denise McKenzie at 585-733-7644 or hopefortheholidays2016@gmail.com.

Tea Party with Mrs. Clause: December 10th at 10:30am, Children and families are especially invited to to enjoy a morning making lifelong memories! An experience like no other, children will be sipping hot cocoa and enjoying homemade Christmas cookies, while being serenaded by Victorian clad carolers! Mrs. Claus will be making a special appearance and reading the classic, "The Night Before Christmas" with the children. In addition, each child will be creating their own Christmas take-away craft! Advance Tickets recommended (\$10 per guest; \$6 per guest for children 5-12); walk-in seating cannot be guaranteed. Call [\(585\) 624-2393](tel:585-624-2393) to place your order for tickets. Visa/MasterCard accepted.





Dickens Victorian Tea: 'Tis the season for mirth and merriment! You are cordially invited to join us on December 10th at 1:30pm to celebrate this joyous Christmas season. An experience like no other, this sumptuous affair transports guests back in time where period-clad performers provide a back drop of Christmas Carols. Advance Tickets recommended (\$10 per guest; \$6 per guest for children 5-12); walk-in seating cannot be guaranteed. Call [\(585\) 624-2393](tel:585-624-2393) to place your order for tickets. Visa/Mastercard accepted.



E. Bloomfield United Methodist Church is located at 2 Park Place at the corner of Rts 5 & 20.

December

— THE MONTH OF —

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3  DINNER & A MOVIE 6P
4 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir 9:00a Children's Choir 11a Knitting Ministry	5	6 10a Bible Study 6:30p Bells 6:30p Youth Group 	7  5-7pm Spaghetti Dinner	8 6:30p Trustees	9	10 9a-10:30 Pantry  6:30p Concert
11 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir 9:00a Children's Choir 11a Cookie Packing Party	12	13 10a Bible Study 6:30p Youth Group	14	15 	16	17  8:30am Food Pantry basket filling. Help greatly appreciated!
18 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir 9:00a Children's Choir A Honeoye Christmas Children's Play 	19  6:00pm Pizza and Caroling with Youth Group!	20 10a Bible Study 6:30p Bells	21	22	23	24  CHRISTMAS EVE Worship Schedule 6:00pm Family 8:00pm Candlelight
25 10:00A Traditional Worship Service  MERRY CHRISTMAS...	26	27 10a Bible Study 6:30p Bells 6:30p-12/28 noon: Youth Group lock in! 	28	29	30	31