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SUMMER SPAGHETTI DINNERS
SERVED FROM 5:00PM-7:00PM ON
JULY 6TH (BENEFITTING THE SALEM
BUS TOKEN FUND) AND AUGUST 3RD
(BENEFITTING UCC TECH FUND.)



JULY 31ST
SEE ARTICLE INSIDE!

from interim MINISTER

**"Serving God" from the interim,
Rev. James K. Boodley**

One would think that serving God would be the primary focus of a congregation. After all, we pray to God, sing about God, talk about God, think about God every Sunday. Even so, in almost every church I've ever encountered – and certainly in almost every church profile I've ever read – the conscious decision to serve God is far down the priority list. Much like the reading we looked at on June 26th (Luke 9:57-62) in which various people promised to follow Jesus after taking care of some other pressing business, most congregations have other priorities demanding their attention before they get around to serving God: fixing the leaking roof, raising money for a new sound system, starting up a "new and exciting" praise-music worship service in the effort to attract young people, etc.

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For even those congregations in which the bills are paid, the sound system is working, and young families are coming through the door, serving God still isn't the central focus of their work. That's not to say they aren't busy; their members are often extremely busy with meetings, planning for special events, preparing for Sundays worship services, working on the building or church grounds, etc. But are all of those activities and priorities about a congregation serving God – or taking care of its members? With rare exception, almost all of the effort a congregation devotes to serving the church is really about taking care of its members.

Point one: Serving the church isn't the same as serving God.

That will make some folks angry. (Remember: Don't take it out on Cydney. She's not clergy.) When you've devoted a great deal of time, talent, and treasure toward serving the church, that's an understandable reaction. And with summer usually being "down time" for a congregation, these next two months will be an excellent opportunity to focus on what it means to actually serve God. That way, we'll go into the fall with a renewed sense of commitment and the search committee will be able to include in the church profile (if they choose to do so), "We're committed to actually serving God, not just talking about it. Here's how..." Those two sentences alone will make any pastoral candidate sit up and take notice.

Let's do a quick run-through of the Bible to see what kind of guidance it provides. The Gospel of Matthew is an instruction manual of sorts, with its author focused on providing lessons for the Jewish community of his time. As such, it offers, I believe, a good "insiders' guide" to Jesus' life and ministry.

The foundational idea for the Christian way of life to which we all aspire is found in Matthew 22:34-40 – A Pharisee asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest. Jesus replies, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, and with all your soul, and with all you mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In other words, "This is your bottom line: Love God and love each other."

How to do that? What approach to take? Matthew 23:1-12 – Regard Jesus as our teacher

and learn from him as humble students. And "humble" doesn't mean groveling, it means being open minded as in, "I don't have all of the answers, but I'm eager to learn for an extraordinary instructor."

Matthew 25:31-46 – the separation of the sheep and the goats – is a major source of insight about the kind of behavior and motivation for that behavior Jesus asks of us. He notes that those who are blessed by God are people who gave food to the hungry, water to the thirsty, welcome to a stranger, clothes to the naked, care to the sick, and companionship to the prisoner. And they did so not to "win points" with Jesus, but because they were motivated by a basic sense of love for "one of the least of these, who are members of my family." Note that there's nothing about discipleship or "saving souls for Jesus" here, just a sense that love shared with the least of one's neighbors is love shared with Jesus.

What approach to being students of Jesus should we avoid? Matthew 23:13-15 – Don't get so carried away with dictating to others what they should or shouldn't be doing that you block them from gaining a real understanding of how to genuinely love God and their neighbor. Matthew 7:21-23 is also instructive about how not to do ministry: "On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and many deeds of power in your name?' Then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; go away from me, you evil-doers.'"

Recognizing that there probably aren't too many at HUCC aspiring to prophesy, cast out demons, or do deeds of power in Jesus' name, what are some of the more practical – and acceptable – options available to us? Go back to Matthew 25, the sheep and goats story. Those who Jesus said were blessed were concerned about others out of love for them. There's our driving motivation; love. If [fill in blank with activity of choice] is done out of love of others, then it's one which could be considered service to God. *But. However. And yet.* The sheep in Jesus' end-times story didn't feed, water, welcome, clothe, care or visit "the least of these" out of a desire to win points with Jesus. In fact, they didn't even realize that what they were doing was even noticed by him: "When did we feed, water, welcome, clothe, care or visit you?"

Point two: If whatever we do as a congregation is motivated by love, then it's a service to God.

In other words, let's stop worrying about currying God's favor and start asking, "Is what we're doing now borne out of love for humanity? And how can we do more – not because we *have* to do so, but because we *want* to do so?" Of course, the easy-way-out is to self-justify: "We want to have good worship services so that anyone who walks through our doors will be uplifted by the experience. That's loving others, isn't it?" Yes, if that's actually our motivation for having a good worship experience. But what if it's too hot or my sermon goes on too long or you-know-who is going on about you-know-what. Again? Is our concern about whether the rest of the congregation is benefiting from the experience or about our own discomfort? If the latter, then we aren't acting out of love, but of impatience.

What are we doing that we feel passionately is of value to others? What do others in the community feel we're doing which is of importance to them? How are we reaching "the least of these" in society and what other ways might we do so? Those are all good questions to help answer the question, "How are we serving God?" Perhaps the better question is to ask, "How are we loving the world?"

Point three: If we answer that second question well, then the first question about serving God will take care of itself.

May God give us the wisdom to ask good questions and the desire to expect great answers of ourselves and of God.

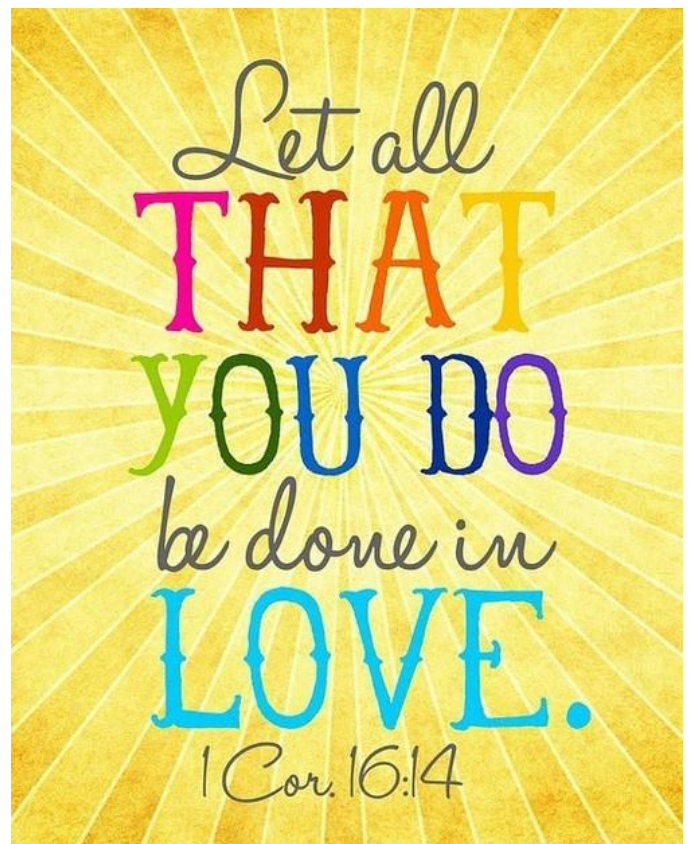
In faith,
J.K.



A Word from the Board of Christian Stewardship

It is summer, enjoy your family and the wonderful summer weather.

This is a reminder that the church's bills and financial responsibilities do not take a summer vacation. Please remember your pledge and financial commitment to the church. Thank you!





**Serving at Salem
Fourth Monday of the Month**

On the fourth Monday of the each month, you are invited to participate in the Salem Nutrition Center noon lunch ministry, providing a meal for those who might not necessarily have a good meal otherwise. There are tasks for everyone in helping the other volunteer staff to prepare and serve this meal. We will car pool on July 25th and August 22nd, leaving at 9 am from the church parking lot and returning no later than 2:30 pm. We will eat lunch at Salem. If you have questions or interest in going, please contact Margot Badger (585)727-0677.



We wish to send a sincere thank you to all of the Honeoye UCC for the overwhelming support of our church family upon the occasion of the death of Eric Seabloom. A special message of gratitude to the volunteers who helped plan, prepare and serve for the reception that followed his funeral. Their willingness to devote so much of their time to this endeavor is gratefully appreciated.

*Sincerely,
The Family of Eric Seabloom*



From the Stewardship Committee

Honeoye United Church of Christ Stewardship Committee is investigating the option of offering electronic giving as an additional means to donating above and beyond today's cash or check donation.

A survey will be conducted shortly to assess our congregation's needs. We have selected Survey Monkey as a means to assess member's needs electronically. Cydney has sent an e-mail to those with an email address. Hard copies will be available early July during church service for those without an email address. Please provide us your feedback no later than the end of July.

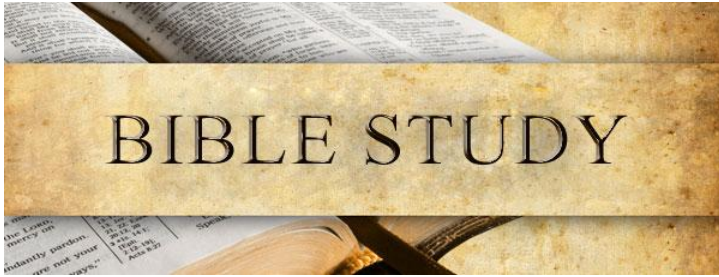
E-Giving provides the option to donate electronically without the use of paper checks (Go Green). No personal banking information will be stored by UCC. E-Giving will be operated and managed within the banking industry.

Thank you
Financial Stewardship Committee.



Dinner and a Movie

Dinner and a movie will take a short break for the summer, and resume on September 10th. If you have a movie that you would like to suggest for viewing, please contact Don at honeyefoodpantry@gmail.com.



The Bible study group will be taking the summer off to enjoy family and the outdoors. They will resume meeting in September. Have a happy and safe summer!



Knitting Ministry

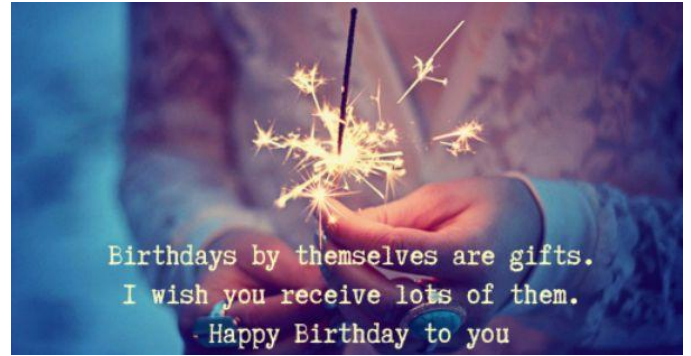
is taking a summer vacation.

See you in the fall!



Church Picnic

We will enjoy a church picnic on Sunday, July 31st! After church, please caravan to the field by Helen Johnson's park (on South Forest View Drive off of East Lake Road.) We will enjoy a picnic lunch followed by an afternoon on the lake, swimming and boating! Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided by the Board of Community Life. Please bring a dish to pass. See you there!



JULY

- 5 Kelly Beers
- 6 Donna Fulmer, Sean Thornton
- 8 Ed Jackson, Ginny DeNise
- 11 Gail Meier, Dave Tallon
- 14 Kara Passer
- 15 Nathan Yax
- 17 Dick Tschorke
- 18 David Stevens, Mike Pellittiere
- 19 Emily Makepeace
- 21 Lorraine Boyd
- 24 Bobbi Wohlschlegel
- 25 Shirley Ward
- 26 Ken Werder
- 28 Julia Barnard, William Tyler
- 31 Jared Smith

AUGUST

- 2 Eric Walter
- 5 Margot Badger
- 7 Doug Kraft
- 9 Harold Barnard, Sue Tagg
- 10 Jane Affolter
- 11 Cameron Wohlschlegel
- 14 Victoria Gamrod
- 15 Maddy Brown
- 19 Mike Pellittiere
- 23 Rita Nilsson
- 24 Wyatt Brown
- 25 Chris Jackson
- 27 Mark Stevens
- 29 Amanda Krause
- 31 Kyle Meek

A Note from the Board of
CHRISTIAN
E D U C A T I O N

From the Board of Christian Education

**Join us for a Faith Adventure this
summer for Vacation Bible School
Sundays!**

All young Christians, grandchildren and friends are invited to participate in any or all of our upcoming Vacation Bible School Sundays. Please sign-up ahead of time so we can plan appropriately for the number and ages of children who will be participating. See the bulletin board in the dining hall or ask Sara Tompkins or any member of the Board for details.

Each day will include activities around the following themes and a scripture lesson, music, a make and take project, game, snack and closing prayer.

Vacation Bible School Sundays at the Honeoye UCC from 9am-11am

- Sunday, July 17th: Cave Exploring: He is our light!
- Sunday, July 31st: Ocean: He is our anchor!
- Sunday, August 14th: Mountain Climbing: He is our rock!
- Sunday, August 28th: Camping: He is our path!

Of course, we will still have children's activities during Church throughout the summer.



**What if the entire congregation read the
same book?**

Planning your summer reading? Why not add one more short but meaningful book to your list? The Board of Christian Education invites adults and teens to read *Peace Is Every Step: The Path of Mindfulness in Everyday Life* by Thich Nhat Hanh this summer. There are a number of copies available in the OWWL library system, we will have four copies to share with the congregation and you can of course order a copy for yourself from your favorite brick and mortar or online store. We will gather after church on August 14th to discuss the book and share how we have put mindfulness into practice. We may also schedule a walking meditation and hike later in the summer, stay tuned.

Vespers Service

Keep your eye on the bulletin for details regarding a vespers service later in the summer.

**Senior High Students interested in
Volunteering at the Salem Nutrition Center?**

The Honeoye UCC serves at Salem Nutrition Center in the city of Rochester on the fourth Monday of each month. This is a great opportunity for our youth to experience the joy of service. Upcoming summer dates are Mondays June, 27th and July 25th. Please contact Kathy Kimber if you are interested in participating. You must be at least 14 years old and have a signed permission slip. We can arrange transportation for you.

-The Board of Christian Education: Gail Baader, Jeff Brown, Kathy Kimber, Joni Nilsson, Shannon Seddon, Tom Taylor, Sara Tompkins, Karen Yax and Melanie Youman



Food Fair: Simple and Local

Sometime in September – stay tuned!

After taking last year off, we are once again hosting the Food Fair and we hope that you will be part of it.

This free will dinner offers cooking demonstrations on how to prepare locally grown vegetables, fruits, grains and meats. Those attending can sample different prepared dishes, receive recipes, learn about locally grown food, learn how to freeze and can, and have a good time while doing it. Any donations collected will support the food pantry.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Can you prepare a large dish (12-20 people) that will be shared in a potluck style dinner and include a copy of the recipe for it.

Can you do a cooking demonstration of preparing a dish? We are looking for 12 demonstrations during this time.

Can you provide a large gas grill? We need two.

We need someone(s) to coordinate in the kitchen keeping the hot food hot and the cold food cold and setting it out

We need for dishwashers, greeters, grillers, and others.

We need you to tell your friends and neighbors about the Food Fair.

Please contact Mike Baker, 585-367-3865, woodedacrefarm@gmail.com or Helen Johnson, 585-229-2273, helmarc45@gmail.com for more information and if you can help in this community outreach effort.



Our cookbook is well on its way!

I know a lot of you have already spoken to me that you have recipes to submit - I'm excited because I really think we will be at our goal (or over) by June 30th (by the time you're reading this). Thank you soooo much, our cookbook will be a huge hit!

Next steps...Along with a couple of other people, the cookbook will go thru an extensive proofreading cycle. I will accept "late" recipes – as we still have room in the cookbook – so if you have a very special recipe that really NEEDS to be in the cookbook – please feel free to send it along. Proofreading (and standardizing the recipes) will probably take 2-3 weeks and then we will have one final proofread from the software company, then off to printing by August 15th. By using these dates, we will have it all done and printed (and delivered here) for the "Fall Sale" in October (and for holiday gift giving). We will have pre-order forms available so we can get a good idea as to how many to initially order - perhaps ordering enough so that we won't have to do a reprint (although we can do that if necessary for the holidays).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me – Annie Bacon (Anneeski@gmail.com, 585-229- 1011). Thank you in advance for your participation...

Who We Are

Ramblings from the Old One... our history

(Continued from last month...)

Are you ready??

I decided to break the membership into three groups - 25 years - 50 years "+". I hope I have not left anyone out. It certainly would not be intentional.

David Makepeace - 1991
 Laurie Card }
 Bob & Beth Stowe } 1990
 Donna & Jim Fulmer }
 Sandy & Doug Beers - 1988
 David Smith }
 Diana Galente } 1987
 Marcia Walter - 1986
 Ellie & Fred Jordan }
 Carol Ann May } 1984
 Sally Smith }

Joan Hohman }
 Grace & Ed Jackson } 1982
 Jane & Chuck Plummer }
 Darlene & Dick Tschorke }
 Ned & Louise Holmes }
 Elin Orman } 1981
 Lorraine Roberts }
 Don & Nancy Pease }

The next group – somehow I “lost” Laurie Gamrod and Peter Badger!! I think they should be in this group.

Doris Severson }
 Wendy Leonard } 1979
 Margot Badger }
 Barb Kennerson }
 Marilyn Passer }
 Joni & Peter Nilsson } 1977
 Penny Jones }
 DeNise Cratsley } 1974

Ben Rampke }
 Cheryl & Dave Lockwood }
 Patti & Jim Ruppert }
 Shirley Ward } 1972
 Joey Hillegeer }
 Solon Barnard }
 Bill Badger }
 Helen Johnson - 1984 }

Now – try to figure out the over 50 years group – not necessarily in age – but by years of membership:

Sheila Mitchell – 1965
 John & Anne Street – 1963
 Bruce & Dottie Campbell }
 Dick & Virginia DeNise } 1962
 Mark Stott }
 Linda Farrell } 1960
 Gail Nieren }
 Mary Jo Watson } 1959
 Jeff Huff – 1958
 Donna Cochrane - 1957

Carl Roberts – 1956
 Leigh Stott }
 Sandy Gates } 1953
 Margaret White }
 George Wood }
 Clark Affolter } 1951
 Harold Hayward }
 Lillian Clearman } 1948
 Mary Pestle }
 Jane Barnard - 1943

(Well, you all know who the oldest one would be!)

If I left someone out, please let me know... If I'm still around, I'll bring you up to date on the last 25 years.

Fun Happenings at Honeoye UCC!



A celebration of Interim Pastor J.K. from the Sunday school children!



Our church wide birthday celebration!



Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

New Church Office:.....371-8880
E-mail: honeoyeucc@gmail.com
Website: UCCHoneoye.org

Sunday School Director Beth Stowe
Church Office: Cydney Hess
Music Director: Nancy Pease
Choir Director: Brian Wilkins
Bell Choir Director Kelly Roller
Children’s Choir Director.....Kelly Roller
Bell Choir Managers:..... Karinda Trowbridge
Custodians: Ruth and Cal Bower
Church Moderator: David Makepeace
Intentional Interim Minister...Rev. James K.
Boodley

Church Clerk: Penny Jones
Church Treasurer: Nancy Apolito
Financial Secretary: Susan Kraft

Board Chairpersons:

Deacons: Mike Baker
Trustees: Peter Badger
Stewardship: Doug Kraft
Christian Ed.: Kathy Kimber
Community Life: Helen Johnson

Committee Chairpersons


Floral: Donna Fulmer
Memorial: Louise Holmes

To schedule a room within the church for your meeting, event or other special use, please call (585)371-8880

Articles for the next newsletter are due in the church office by August 15, 2016

July/August 2016

July

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| 3 10:00A Worship | 4 | 5 | 6  5-7pm Salem Bus Token Fund | 7 | 8 | 9 9a-10:30 Pantry |
| 10 10:00A Worship | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 10:00A Worship VBS, 9:00A – 11:00A | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 9a-10:30 Pantry |
| 24 10:00A Worship  10:00 Worship 31 Church Picnic VBS, 9:00A – 11:00A | 25 Serving at Salem 9am | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |

AUGUST

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