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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 last met Aug 3. As at each meeting we began with a devotional led by Beth Stowe. She helps us focus, center and become inspired. At this meeting we put the finishing touches on our church profile. This document is a 27 page description of who we are as a congregation, what we want to be, what we expect in a new pastor and what we will offer to this pastor. Each committee member has taken a part of the profile that best suits their expertise and involvement with the life of the congregation. Just to repeat what has been said before we are a very dynamic group at UCC Honeoye!

You will also see in this newsletter a note from Kelly Roller asking for help with a video. Our objective is to provide a visual and interactive representation of who we are. This will be posted with the profile and also on the church website. Please help us out and participate in creating this video.

While to some, the process may seem to be taking more time than necessary, both JK and Ryan have assured us that we are well ahead of schedule compared to most searches. This is especially true given that we have not done this in 35 years! Our goal is to have the profile completed and submitted by late Fall.

Thank you all for your prayers and support as our congregation and the pastoral search team travel on this journey together.



## **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**SERVED FROM 5:00PM-7:00PM ON  
SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.**

**A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO  
BENEFIT THE HONEOYE FOOD  
PANTRY**



### **Serving at Salem**

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 September 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### **News from the Visitation Committee**

As an initiative by the Board of Deacons, a Visitation Committee was formed 5/15/16 with 10 volunteers; the group has now grown to 13! Our purpose is to bring a sense of God's love and presence to our members and friends who may no longer be able to be an active part of our church community. We want to bring them comfort and to let them know they have not been forgotten. Sometimes our visits are very short (as in the hospital) and a touch, a prayer and a smile are all we can offer. Sometimes visits are longer as we share stories, laughter, and joy. Sometimes we take them out for lunch or to a concert. In all cases, we listen to them and try to acknowledge their worth by our presence, time and concern. The visits vary widely, but in all cases the people we have seen so far have been very appreciative and welcoming to us. We have completed eight hospital visits and fourteen home visits. There is always a need for more volunteers and suggestions for folks who may need a visit.



### ***Bullitt***

You are welcome to join our monthly "Dinner & a Movie" on Saturday evening, September 10<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is at 6:00pm in the church dining room. 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 *Bullitt*. Senator Walter Chalmers (Robert Vaughn) is aiming to take down mob boss Pete Ross (Vic Tayback) with the help of testimony from the criminal's hothead brother Johnny (Pat Renella), who is in protective custody in San Francisco under the watch of police lieutenant Frank Bullitt (Steve McQueen). When a pair of mob hitmen enter the scene, *Bullitt* follows their trail through a maze of complications and double-crosses. This thriller includes one of the most famous car chases ever filmed.

The next "Dinner & a Movie" is Saturday, October 8<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 October's choice you can contact Don at [honeyeyefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:honeyeyefoodpantry@gmail.com).

## “There’s No Schedule” from the interim, Rev. James K. Boodley

As you’ll read elsewhere in this month’s newsletter, the search committee has made good use of the summer to work on the church profile, the document that will be made available to potential pastors considering employment here. Even when the progress being made on the profile is combined with worship service and newsletter updates from the search committee, there will be some people who will think the process is already taking too long.

From my perspective and that of Rev. Ryan Henderson, the search process here is well ahead of schedule compared to most searches. If the rule of thumb for an interim is one month of interim work for every year the previous pastor served a congregation, we’re only ten months into what one would expect could be a 35 month process. So, then, why might the end of the first third of the process feel as if it’s taking too long for some folks? All of the congregations with which I’ve worked have disliked the interim period, some much more so than others. It’s uncomfortable because it’s unsettling, which makes some people extremely anxious. The person who worries it’s “taking too long” reminds me of the youngster in the back of the car whining, “Are we there yet?!” They’re probably tired and a little cranky. They’ll be okay.

Likewise, being “well ahead of schedule” may sound good in theory, but it can also have a downside. Think, “I took the turkey out of the oven well ahead of schedule so we’ll be having dinner in five minutes instead of two hours from now.” That sounds yummy. Who wants raw stuffing? Or, “The ship’s captain decided to finish the cruise well ahead of schedule. We’ll be returning to port three days early. No refunds on the unused days.” That’ll go over well with the passengers. Or, “The doctor wants to go on vacation around your due date,

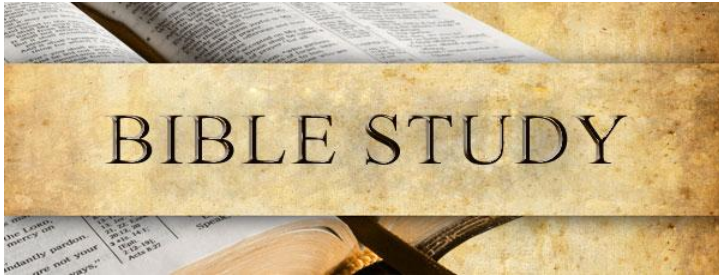
so you’ll be coming in to deliver your baby well ahead of schedule this afternoon.” Um, no. Some things shouldn’t be rushed.

I’d suggest looking at the progress we’ve made as getting a head start on the process. Nevertheless, expect that the *entire* process will still take its own good time to finish, whatever that may be. Remember, God made the Israelites wander around the wilderness for 40 years before they finally entered the promised land. Why? To let a generation of complainers die-off before the group would be ready for the challenges ahead of them. God does what God does in God’s own sweet time. Trying to rush God along probably isn’t the best strategy.

Finally, drawing from my own experience of late, being without a pastor of 35 years is not unlike becoming an orphan: An important source of insight and stability is no longer in your life. One would hope that a congregation wouldn’t regard a pastor as a parent figure, but that’s rarely the case. Ideally, a congregation would also recognize that God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are the more appropriate sources of insight and stability for a church, but that’s also rarely the case. After 35 years, you’re only just now beginning to learn how to “do church” without Brian. That’s a process that can’t be rushed, either.

Overall, the search committee is doing great work. Don’t rush them. And certainly don’t rush God. Just as I found when learning to ride my Harley, you have to “log the miles” (ie., do actual riding on pavement) before you become comfortable – and even more miles before you become good.

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.

September 4

Jer 18:1-11  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Philem 1-21  
Luke 14:25-33

September 18

Jer 8:18-9:1  
Psalms 79:1-9  
1 Tim 2:1-7  
Luke 16:1-13

September 11

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28  
Psalm 14  
1 Tim 1:12-17  
Luke 15:1-10

September 25

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Tim 6:6-19  
Luke 16:19-31



**SEPTEMBER**

- 1 Erica Orman
- 3 Becky Nilsson, Doris Turner
- 5 Toby Geartz, Calvin P. Bower
- 7 Linda Bennett
- 11 Lydia L. Barnard, Kali Pestle
- 14 Melinda Geartz
- 15 David Makepeace, Calvin C. Bower
- 16 Lorraine Roberts
- 18 Betty Nolan
- 19 Sandy Walter, Alexandra Gamrod
- 20 Natalie Tompkins
- 21 Jeff Brown
- 22 Caitlin Wohlschlegel, Bill Badger, Louise Holmes, Peter Badger, Ryan Andrews
- 25 Shawn Roberts, Carol Brown, Greg Andrews



Knitting Ministry will meet on October 2<sup>nd</sup> after church in the Library.

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

**From the Board of Christian Education**

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our Vacation Bible School Sundays this summer! Thank you to all the kids who participated, the families, everyone who donated, the volunteers who helped organize and guide and especially to Sara Tompkins who planned the entire program and led each Sunday! Please check out the pictures on the bulletin board in the dining room.

I also want to express gratitude to all the members of the Board of Christian Education who led kids activities throughout the summer. It has been a wonderful experience to share our faith with youth of all ages.

Thanks also to everyone who participated in our summer read of *Peace is Every Step*. We hope these mindfulness techniques have helped bring a little more peace into your lives and that this peace will spread throughout our Church, community and beyond. When you are done with your copy of the book, if you don't have someone to pass it on to, please return it to the church library.

**A visit to the Abbey of the Genesee**

The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring a visit to the Abbey of the Genesee on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> for the Compline Service at 6:40. The service is quiet and contemplative. There will be a sign-up sheet in the dining room to see how much interest there is and then we will discuss car-pooling options. For more information about the Abbey please visit <http://www.geneseeabbey.org>.



The pastoral search committee needs your help! We are putting together a 'Welcome' video to go along with our church profile, which is nearing completion. We are going to add members of our congregation (that is YOU) in short clips, answering the following prompts:

1. Our church is:
2. I love my church because:

Please take a moment or two to think about how you would answer these prompts. We will be setting up a recording studio during coffee hour throughout the month of September and we encourage you to come and share your answers to these prompts. Come by yourself. Come with your family. Come with your friends. Bring the kids. Bring your parents. Just come as you are and share.

Lastly, we will be recording the final scene for our video on September 18<sup>th</sup> during the church service. We hope you can join us for this event! It will be easy, painless and definitely express who we are.

Thank you for your support, participation and continued prayers as we do this work!

In God's Love,

The Pastoral Search Team



## Food Fair: Simple and Local

September 15, 4:30 m – 7:00 pm

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](mailto:woodedacrefarm@gmail.com) or Helen Johnson, [helmarc45@gmail.com](mailto:helmarc45@gmail.com) for more information and if you can help in this community outreach effort.



## And the Name of the cookbook is... “AMAZING GRAZE.”

The winner of the free cookbook is Ed Jackson...Congratulations! Thank you to everyone who voted.

We have proof read the cookbook and it was submitted for printing on August 22nd. THANK YOU to everyone who submitted recipes or helped out with the creation. The cookbooks will be printed and delivered in time for our Fall Sale – October 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, and for holiday gift giving.

There are order forms in the dining room. The pre-order price of \$15.00 has passed (August 31<sup>st</sup>), but you can still order cookbooks at our regular price of \$17.00 (a deposit of \$5.00 per book is requested, you may also pay in full). Please make your checks out to “Honeoye UCC” and write in the memo field “cookbook” (cash is also appreciated). Envelopes are provided for your order forms and deposit. (You may also email me with your order, and either drop off the deposit/payment to church or see me at church on any Sunday).

Thank you for all of your help...Annie



The 2016-2017 session of Sunday school will start next month. The official kickoff party is September 18th and I can't wait!! This is going to be an awesome year. I have entitled this year THE MYSTERY OF HISTORY; GOD'S UNCHANGING LOVE.

We are hitting on two major ideas. First, we want to help our youth understand that the bible is one glorious story about God's relationship with humanity. We want to help them understand how each person from the bible, as well as each of them, is an important part of God's plan. Secondly, we want to show how God's story has unfolded over thousands and thousands of years and that God's love has never faltered. Times change, people change, struggles change, but God never changes. These themes are not quick lessons and that is why we are giving them a full year of our attention.

Our first theme of understanding how the bible fits together can be hard for children to grasp. Teaching individual lessons from each story is one thing, but revealing how God has so intricately woven each experience to the

next makes the journey even more extraordinary. We will reinforce this understanding with the use of timelines and maps, with pictures and charts and of course good old fashion story telling. We will follow the sequence of events as through scripture they unfold and then we will place those events on our community timeline. As the year progresses our time line will grow with weekly contributions from each class.

Grasping how God's love never waivers is our second theme. We will focus on how God's love, grace and mercy are ever present throughout each story and how each character is deeply affected by that unfailing love. We will then encourage each class to apply how God's love affects their own lives today.

There is much to experience this year, but in the end it will be the Holy Spirit that will move us. Even after all these years of teaching, I am always amazed how that happens. It is the presence of God and our commitment to always letting God lead our ministry that brings our plans and God's plans together in the end.

I can't wait for it all to begin☺  
Beth Stowe



Children's Choir: It is time to get organized!!! Children who are ages second grade and up who enjoy singing are encouraged to join the children's choir! Rehearsals will begin September 25 at 9am. Please let Kelly Roller know if you are going to sing this fall!  
[kiroller@frontiernet.net](mailto:kiroller@frontiernet.net)



Bells: Time to Ring!!!! Rehearsals will begin September 20 from 6:30-7:30. Let Kelly know if you're going to ring this season!!! New ringers are always welcome!



Choir rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 11 at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome especially tenors. See Nancy for details!



In other ramblings I have listed Ministers, Choir Directors, Organists and Church Clerks. (Have I done Moderators?)

I thought that with an extra month this summer I could put together the Secretaries and Janitors-but there are still too many loopholes –so-

This month I am rambling about a couple of “modern” years-2003 and 2004. How many things can you remember?

In 2003 Joan Berend was the interim pastor while Brian enjoyed his third sabbatical bicycling around Europe. During that time, Joan led a successful series of meetings on Women’s Spirituality.

Listen to this-the Trustees were looking for someone-and way-to finish THE WALL of the church facing the parking lot!!! (Sorry, Trustees-I do hope that I am around to see the finished product. How time flies!!) (I couldn’t resist!)

A new copier was purchased for the Office.

A new system of locks was installed for the church. Only a blacksmith can make copies.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Madrigal Dinner was enjoyed.

Judy Tallon and Jan Petty retired as Blood Bank Coordinators. They had served in this capacity since 1988. After that Joan Hohman and Ruth Bower were the coordinators until Joan retired again (she had been “the one” before Judy and Jan.) Now Ruth and Carol Ann May carry on this good work.

On April 10, 2003 Jerry Passer led us through a traditional Jewish Passover Dinner. Thank you, Jerry. (Sometime again, soon?!)

2003 saw needed updating at the parsonage. Among other things, the kitchen carpeting was replaced with new flooring. \$12,000 was allocated to the Trustees for capital improvement.

Friendship Circle presented a bench to the church in memory of Marian Gessin. Marian was a well loved, talented, capable, hard working, ready to tackle anything church “angel” and those of us who remember still miss and love her. The bench is in the entryway on the parking lot side of the church. As you go by it or sit for a spell, pause and say a little “thank you.”

In 2004 the sixth grade Sunday School class, taught by Carol Ann May, packaged 55 bags of assorted beans to be distributed by the Food Pantry (Way to go!)

In February a web site for use to catalog historic documents was created.

“Getting to Know You” dinners were enjoyed.

At our 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary October 10<sup>th</sup>, Frank Pennington was the guest minister at the morning service. Open House was held from 2:00-4:00 with special music starting at 2:00.

The Coffee Hour Birthday Celebration was held in March. In honor of our church birthday cakes were made from historical recipes. Jane Affolter compiled the recipes.

Wendy Krause chaired a new church directory. Of the people pictured in the book, 60 families are still involved in our church life. (I use mine as a telephone book-the print is so easy to read.)

A Time Line was stenciled on the walls in the dining room. It is interesting to see how many people still read it. It was also fun to watch the painters paint around it a few years ago.

Last, but certainly not least, our “Amazing Grace” and her committee spear headed a nice quilt project. Anyone could make a square for \$10. The squares are around the downstairs entry way. This is still a meaningful part of our church life. Stop and take a look!

That’s it!



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:**

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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 the middle of the month-September 15, 2016

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# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 9a-10:30 Pantry
4 10:00A Worship	5	6 10a Bible Study	7  5-7pm Honeoye Food Pantry	8	9	10  6pm Dinner & a Movie
11 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir	12	13 10a Bible Study	14	15 	16	17 9a-10:30 Pantry
18 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir	19	20 10a Bible Study 6:30p Bells	21	22	23	24
25 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir 9:00a Children's Choir	26 Serving at Salem 9am	27 10a Bible Study 6:30p Bells	28	29	30	