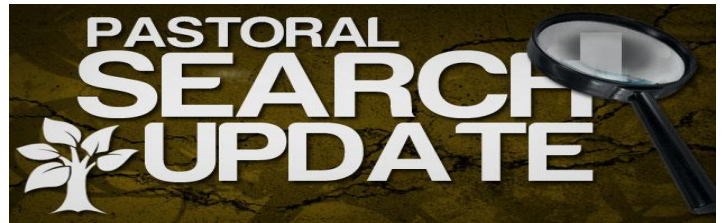


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"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."

April



The first meeting with Ryan Henderson, Conference Minister and facilitator of the Search Committee, is scheduled for April 4th. At this meeting the group will organize and receive its charge.

- David Makepeace; Chairman, Special Nominating Committee



SPAGHETTI DINNER
APRIL 6TH
 5:00PM-7:00PM
 A PORTION OF THE
 PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT
HONEOYE TECH FUND



SATURDAY,
APRIL 9TH
6:00PM



BIRTHDAY BASH!
SUNDAY, APRIL 20TH
AFTER CHURCH



ROADSIDE CLEANUP
SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD
8:00AM



BLUE JEAN SUNDAY
APRIL 24TH

Blue Jean Sunday is April 24th following worship ~ sponsored by the Trustees, lunch by Community Life

Let's work together to get the church and the grounds looking great for the warmer months! Wear your jeans and bring your work gloves, and a leaf blower, if you have one - other supplies will be available, along with jobs we want to accomplish. Lunch will be provided by the Community Life.



WAR ROOM

You are welcome to join our monthly “Dinner & a Movie” on Saturday evening, April 9th. 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.

With great jobs, a beautiful daughter (Alena Pitts) and a dream house, the Jordans seem to have it all. Appearances can be deceiving, however, as husband Tony (T.C. Stallings) flirts with temptation and wife Elizabeth (Priscilla Shirer) becomes increasingly bitter, crumbling under the strain of a failing marriage. Their lives take an unexpected turn for the better when Elizabeth meets her newest client, Miss Clara (Karen Abercrombie), who encourages the couple to find happiness through prayer.

The next “Dinner & a Movie” is Saturday, May 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 May’s movie choice you can contact Don at honeyeyefoodpantry@gmail.com.



WHO HAS A CHURCH KEY?

The Trustees would like to know who has a key to the church. If you would let Cydney know by emailing or calling her at either honeyeucc@gmail.com, (585)371-8880. Or you can email or call Carol Brown - pine-lake@hotmail.com, (585) 733-7463. Thank you!



SERVING AT SALEM

FOURTH MONDAY OF THE MONTH

On Monday, April 25th, and 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 April 25th, 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 have questions or interest in going, please contact Margot Badger (585)727-0677.



BELL CHOIR REHEARSAL

There will be no rehearsals 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, or 4/19. We will resume rehearsals on 4/12. Please see Kelly Roller if you have any questions.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir meets at 8:30am on Sunday morning to rehearse. All singers are welcome!

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

There will be no rehearsals 3/20, 3/27, 4/3. We will resume rehearsals on 4/10. New members are encouraged to join us on the 10th.

“Assessment and Opportunity”

My covenant (contract) with the Council and congregation includes a provision to do quarterly assessments of the work we're doing together. Council members and I will have a meeting to do that in the next few weeks. If you have comments about your experience of the past four months that you'd like to share, please contact David Makepeace or Mike Baker with your thoughts.

As for my assessment of our time together, first and foremost, thank you for hiring me. I've truly appreciated the warmth and energy I've found here. I'm also deeply grateful for the patience, flexibility, and support you've provided – and continue to provide – after the death of my father. Thank you. In trying to describe you to others, I've used the image of herding balloons: big, bright, and bouncy, with a tendency to head off in a variety of directions as the Spirit moves you. Here are some of your other positive qualities I've observed during our initial time together:

- You like each other. One would think that would be a “given” for a church community. It's not. You care about long-time and new members alike; enjoy celebrating each other's accomplishments (such as Nancy Pease's 40th anniversary); and show your support of the church through your generous offerings of time, talent, and treasure. Never take your fondness for each other for granted. It's really quite extraordinary.
- You're flexible. The hallmark of many well established congregations is to stubbornly insist, “We've done it this way for as long as anyone can remember and we'll continue to do so until Jesus himself returns.” I've never encountered even a whiff of that kind of thinking here. That is oh so refreshing. When word gets out that you're open to new ways of following Jesus' footsteps, you'll have an abundance of potential pastors sending profiles to the search committee.
- There's an abundance of children. You've heard my comment more than once on Sundays, “Trustees, we're going to need a bigger stage up here [for all of the children who have come forward for young Christians' time].” Thriving children / youth programs are key to ensuring a congregation's long-term success. If a new family with children sees other families with children who are enjoying their time at church, they're much more likely to want to be part of that experience, too.
- The music leaders and ongoing music program are outstanding. The Christmas music extravaganza this past December was truly impressive. And every Sunday, we're treated to a variety of musical talent that would be the envy of a church of twice our size.
- There's a strong sense of community involvement. I've been told that others in the area think of the UCC as “the community's church.” Events such as the spaghetti suppers, senior meal program, food pantry, Salem

Nutrition Center, nursery school, even the occasional memorial service in which church and community members alike are welcome all contribute to a sense of this being “our” church and not just “that” church. Be aware, though, that striving to improve the outreach and support we actively provide to those around us should be an earnest ongoing effort.

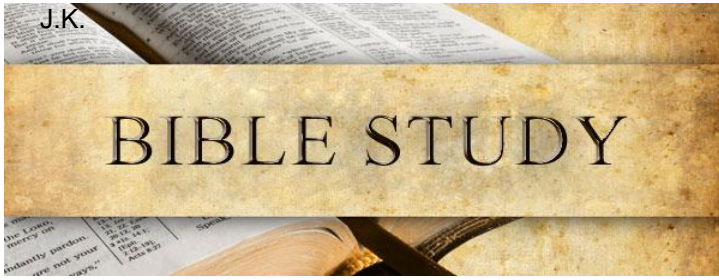
On the topic of improvements, here's where there's room for growth:

- Active ownership of and leadership in shared decision-making. Whenever any organization has leadership which remains the same for an extended period, decision making is often actively or passively delegated to the person(s) in charge of the group. Someone who was originally hired by the congregation to be the spiritual coach or mentor eventually becomes the COO, Chief Operating Officer. Over the years, “responsibility creep” sets in and s/he is eventually making decisions for the group that would be better made by the group and / or it's representatives. I suspect that might be the case here, so I'll be encouraging the Council to claim / reclaim the non-pastoral decision making responsibilities which might have found their way onto Brian's to-do list over the last 35 years. The end result will be much healthier decision making and sense of shared “ownership” of everything taking place here.
- Sense of identification with the larger Body of Christ. Elsewhere in this month's newsletter, you'll find a new section, “Community & Conference News.” There you'll find information about community activities taking place here at the church, such as the seniors' meals program, as well as area, NY Conference, even national UCC events and efforts. Among the highlights: the Genesee Valley Association's Spring Assembly will be Tuesday, April 16th, 10:00AM – 2:00PM at Mt. Rise UCC; the NY Women of the UCC Annual Conference will be April 28-30, at Watson Homestead Conference & Retreat Center in Painted Post; and the NY Conference Annual Meeting will take place at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel in Rochester, June 10-12th.

The last event, especially, would be an excellent opportunity to build relationships as well as gain a better sense of sharing in God's work with others in the NY Conference. Of special interest to the entire congregation is the Morning Service of Worship on June 12th. I have a prior commitment that weekend, so I won't be here, so with the service taking place just up the road, I'd encourage any – or all – of the congregation to attend. If attending the annual meeting or just the worship service is something you'd like to do, please let David M., Mike B., or me know so we can organize a group for the trip to Rochester.

In the meantime, I remain your devoted balloon shepherd.

In faith,
J.K.



The Bible study group has begun an entirely new "course" of study. On Tuesday mornings (10-11:30AM), they'll be viewing and discussing 30-minute segments of the PBS *Frontline* documentary, "From Jesus to Christ." This four-hour series gives viewers a glimpse of life, politics and society during Jesus' lifetime. Interviews with a wide range of scholars as well as on-site video of locations throughout the Middle East explain both the life of the man as well as the rise of a movement which would eventually become Christianity. Each part of the series can be watched without having seen the rest, so come join the conversation at any time. From the producers:

"Drawing upon historical evidence, the series challenges familiar assumptions and conventional notions about Christian origins. Archaeological finds have yielded new understandings of Jesus' class and social status; fresh interpretations have transformed earlier ideas about the identity of the early Christians and their communities."

"Through engaging on-camera interviews with twelve scholars--New Testament theologians, archaeologists, and historians--the series presents their contributions to this intellectual revolution."

For more information on the series, including background information and a viewer's guide, visit http://www.pbs.org/wqbh/pages/frontline/s_hows/religion/



The Telephone Ministry has a new phone number! Can't make it to service on Sunday? Please call 585-371-8110! You'll be able to hear the service as it's happening!

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- 6 Gary Meek
- 8 Ann Street
- 10 Fred Jordan, Megan Kraft Miller
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- 16 Gwen Tschorke Rowley
- 18 Sue Cochrane
- 21 Bev Badger
- 22 Joni Nilsson, Gregory Badger
- 27 Sally Smith, Shaylan Johnson
- 28 Brent Hodgeman



Knitting Ministry

Will meet Sunday, April 17th in the library following worship.

Carol Ann requests your prayers!



Carol Ann May is now at the Jewish Home of Rochester. Send well-wishes to her c/o Jewish Home of Rochester; 2021 Winton Road South, Room 217L; Rochester, NY 14618. You can also call her directly at [\(585\) 784-5409](tel:5857845409).

SUNDAY SCHOOL



With **Youth Sunday being May 1st**, it feels like the year is rapidly coming to an end. You may notice the Youth Sunday program is a bit earlier this year than in past years. As we all know, spring is a busy time for everyone and we are hoping that more children will be able to participate in the Youth Sunday event if we have it earlier in the month. That being said, we encourage everyone to join in the preparations and rehearsals that will take place the last 2 weeks of April.

Formal Sunday School will continue 2 weeks past Youth Sunday ending on May 15th. At that point our summer program will kick into gear, but let's not rush things we still have a lot left to share.

April's lessons will include:

4/3: We will study Self Control, the last Fruit of the Spirit. We will study how God lays out a battle plan for taking the city of Jericho. It sounds preposterous – marching around the city for six days with seven priests and seven trumpets, but the instructions are clear. It takes self-control to follow God's word, especially when it doesn't always makes sense to us, though it is an important part of our faith journey.

4/10: We will continue with the fruit of Self Control as we study the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. It is the sneaky snake that encouraged Eve to disobey God's rules as her self-control weakened. We will explore what the sneaky snake has to say in our lives and how we can stand strong in our Christian convictions.

4/17: Preparations for Youth Sunday

4/24: Preparations for Youth Sunday. We ask that the children stay 45 minutes after church on this day, so that we can practice in the sanctuary.



Visitation Committee

The Church Council and the Deacons have decided to form a Visitation Committee. The first meeting of this group will be Sunday, April 17 after worship. Members of this committee will work to identify members of the congregation who would benefit from volunteers visiting them at their home, hospital or assisted living facility. This is an important outreach for members of our faith community to feel connected at a time when they need it the most. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Joan Hohman at joan@hohmann.us or Elin Orman at jeorman@frontiernet.net.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mission

“Creating a safe, efficient, attractive facility that provides the ideal environment for delivering the mission of the HUCC today and in the future.”

The Trustees will be meeting on Wednesday, April 13th at 6:30pm in the in the Dining Hall.



(Continued + tabled)

One of the "handle with care" concerns through the years for the Music Committee has been how to handle the gift of a piano to the church.

Many times when a family home was broken up or people moved-if there was a piano no longer used-a nice thought was to give it to the Church. A good idea except that a "piano" could be usable and tuned to a key or past its prime and no longer able to be used, but still hold good memories for the family donating it.

Here are some "piano" notations in the old minutes.

In 1948 a piano was given to the church for the social room by Mrs. Thomas Frances. In 1965 a piano was given by the Dragt family.

I don't know where they came from but the 1973 minutes advise that there are four pianos to be disposed of but not without the consent of the Trustees.

In 1974 the Schner piano was purchased.

In 1975 "judgment" to be used in disposing of two pianos.

In 1979 Music Committee authorized to dispose of two.

The 1981 inventory showed-five pianos in the Sunday School rooms; one in the Dining Room (tunable to concert pitch); Schner piano in the Sanctuary.

Early in 1993 there were two pianos looking for homes-no takers. In September, it was voted to dispose of them-in November they were still looking for homes!

In 2001, three pianos were mentioned for the taking-one in pretty good shape; two that can be tuned. Help is needed in moving them.

Where have they gone??

In 2016 we have the beautiful Kohhn-Campbell piano in the Sanctuary; the 1974 Schner piano in the Music room; workable pianos in the sound room and a Sunday School room and a Yamaha (excellent shape) given by the Greg Knapp family (friends of Nancy Pease) in the Dining Room. The cover (to help protect it from "little fingers") was given by Jeff and Eileen Huff.

Shall we lay the piano subject to rest?

Another talked about project through the years has been choir robes. My feeling is that the "to wear or not to wear" robes has been fairly equally divided between the choir and the congregation-the congregation more on the "yes" side (?) but-they don't have to wear them.

In 1959 new summer choir robes were purchased (a welcome change from the "other" maroon ones used for several years.)

In 1975 new robes would be here in time for Christmas.

I think the latest big robe discussion was in the 1980's.

Have the results of a survey taken in November (no year, sorry.)

Survey where choir should stand:

39 liked the choir to stand on the steps

14 did not

19 didn't care

54 wanted choir to wear robes most of the time

9 did not

9 did not care

71 replies liked the variety of music.

The conclusion reached by Stan Saunders (Chairman, Grace Jackson's father)-a logical man-was that the choir needed new robes.

In 1986 the Music Committee was empowered to purchase robes not to exceed the cost of \$2,000.00-money to come from Memorial Fund. Stan was appointed chairman. He researched-and reported-and left us in suspense as to the color chosen. At the February 1987 council meeting the color was revealed as Dove Gray.

How nice the choir looked when they wore them in 1987.

In 1988 a request for more robes for the Bell Choir was DROPPED!

There is much, much more that could be written about the music in our church

-the Junior and Children's Choirs through the years

-the many special groups as the Village Waits

-and many of you do not even remember when we did NOT have our talented Bell Choir (June 1986 was the date.)

I am all "tuned" out so these important subject will be put on hold!

Thank you, Music Department, again and again for truly enriching our lives!

easter sunday



Easter sunrise service pioneers: Their fingers are up not only to point toward God but to indicate this is their first Easter sunrise service at the UCC.



A Note from the Board of
CHRISTIAN
 EDUCATION

Thank you from the Board of Christian Education

Thank you to everyone who helped prepare and especially to everyone who attended the Honeoye UCC Retreat at Ontario County Park March, 12th. It was a wonderful day of fellowship, friendship and fun!

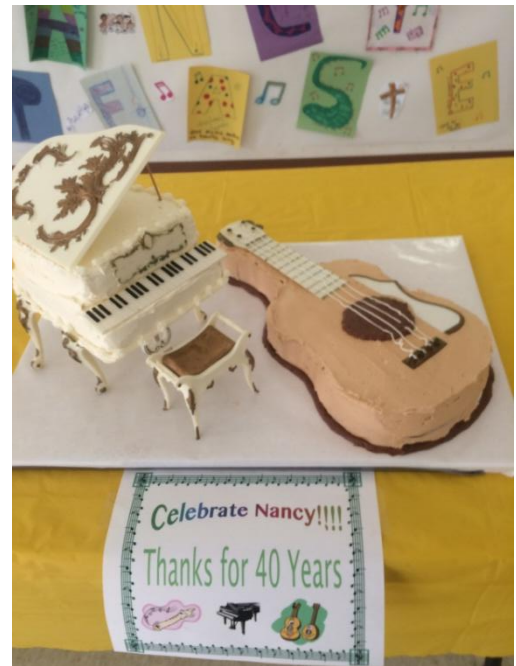


This year's Birthday Bash will be on Sunday, April 10th. After the service please join us for 12 different cakes to celebrate each month.

We ask that you sit at the table for your birthday month to begin with, But fear not, wandering is expected as you check out each month's special cake.

12 months in a year, mean we need 12 fabulous cakes, so if you can make one please sign up in the dining room for the month you want. You can also sign up by contacting Helen.

See you on the 10th!



In February our congregation was thrilled to celebrate Nancy Pease's 40th anniversary as our music director. There was special music by the children's choir and regular choir and Nancy was presented with a token of our appreciation during the service. After the service we gathered downstairs to continue the celebration with cakes, donuts, bagels, coffee and juice. Thanks, Nancy, you do an incredible job!



Honeoye Community Food Pantry

It's nice to see the sun later in the evening a few minutes more each day. We have been very fortunate to have a mild winter until it finally reminded us that we live in NY in mid-February. Most of us didn't have to plow our driveways too many times, and our low heating bills were a big help. It made that burst of snow rather enjoyable!

At the pantry we experienced a few new clients that fell on hard times this past month. With that said, I just want to say thank you for all the support in recent months that have really allowed us to help those families in need.

Our snack pack program is going well. The kids definitely thank you for all the puddings, jell-o, fruit cups, and crackers that have been dropped off. They really enjoy those bags! We still have over 3 months of school left though, so please keep putting the puddings in the foyer for us!

I want to send a big thank you to UCC for donating the proceeds from the February Spaghetti Dinner – always a fun event and the proceeds are always helping us fulfill needs at the pantry. Another half-ton of thank yous goes out to Mike Baker for donating another cow to the food pantry – wow, we can't thank Mike enough! Our donors always help the pantry run sMOOOOthly!!

The Honeoye Community Food Pantry operates out of the former kitchen by the Church Street entrance of the Honeoye UCC. The Pantry is open on alternate Saturdays from 9:00-10:30am. In April, the pantry will be open on 4/2, 4/16, and 4/30. Volunteers and donations are always welcome!



Senior Dining



Dining Program

We are pleased to state that our partnership with the Ontario County Office for the Aging for the return of the Community Dining Program is a success! We meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:00 noon in the Dining Hall. The Congregate Meal Program offers a hot, nutritious meal to any disabled person as well as people over the age of 60. This is the perfect place to meet new people or socialize with friends and has become more of a social hour of sorts!

In order to prepare the proper amount of food, reservations are required 24 hours in advance. You can call the Ontario County Office for the Aging at 585-396-4196 or the church (371-8880) and let Cydney know.

Join us for some friendly games of Euchre on Tuesday, April 12th at 10:30, and stay for the Meal Program! We will be playing on the second Tuesday of the month.



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Seniors And Law Enforcement Together

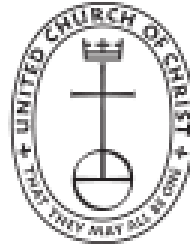
Save the date and join us for a presentation on "Scams, Fraud and ID Theft" by Ontario County Sherriff Phil Provero on July 19th at noon! This is a great opportunity to learn about potential threats and how you can protect yourself and your friends.



Annual Roadside Clean-up

On Saturday April 23rd, the Honeoye Valley Association will be hosting a free breakfast for anyone who is working on the Annual Roadside Clean-up. Larry Magahey is our master chef and he can really cook up a mean egg and/or french toast! Our church does have part of Main Street that we are responsible for cleaning. The bags and routes will be distributed from the church's parking lot and we encourage everyone to come to breakfast and then volunteer an hour of your time to help clean up our roads!

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



NEW YORK CONFERENCE

GVA Spring Assembly – Saturday, April 16, 10:00AM-2:00PM, at Mt. Rise UCC. The event includes worship at 10:00AM, lunch, and a workshop of technology in worship. New officers and committee members will also be installed. If you'd like to attend, please let Eleanor Jordan know.

NY Women of the UCC 2016 Annual Conference – April 28-30 at Watson Homestead, Painted Post. (Note: Registration ends March 28th. Contact Sue Frost at uccnywomen@gmail.com for more information.) Rev. Mairaine Kettell, NY Conference Coordinator of Local Church Ministries and Pastor of First Congregational Corning UCC, will be the keynote speaker. Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams, Associate Conference Minister for Clergy & Authorized Ministry Concerns for the NY Conference will lead a conversation on race.

Workshops will include, "The Joy of Photography," "The Green Bible," "A Time for Every Matter Under Heaven" (ie., loss, transition, and change), and "Starting Homeless Ministries at Your Church." For more information: www.uccny.org/ministries/women-of-ny-conference/

NY Conference 53rd Annual Meeting – June 10-12 at the Hyatt-Regency Hotel, 125 E. Main St., Rochester. This year's theme is "Let Justice Roll." Keynote speakers are Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, president of the North Carolina chapter of the NAACP, and Rev. Dr. Donna Schaper, senior minister of Judson Memorial Church of New York City. Along with the business of the Conference, there are workshops, onsite UCC-related gift shop, and a variety of social events. The meeting culminates with the Morning Service of Worship on Sunday, June 12. For more information: www.uccny.org/events/annual-meeting.

GIVE BLOOD



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Tuesday, April 19th 2:00pm-7:45pm

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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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-April 15, 2016

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3 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir	4	5 10a Bible Study No Bells	6  5-7pm Honeoye Tech Fund	7	8	9 6pm  War Room
10 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir Birthday Bash!	11 7p Church Council Meeting	12 10a Bible Study 6:30p Bells	13	14	15 	16 GVA Spring Assembly
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