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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.



ELECTION DAY DINNER
NOVEMBER 8, 2016
4:30PM-7:00PM

The October meeting focused on two main issues. The important "Statement of Leadership in Ministry" which summarizes our congregation's past, present and vision for our future was finalized. Not an easy task, but an exciting one! Discussion concerning the important compensation package for the new minister continues to be a vital part of each meeting in a collaborative manner with the Deacons and Stewardship Boards. In general, we are trying to represent our congregation as accurately as possible, not to get "bogged down" in too many details, and to maintain a clear overview of our task. You can help us through this journey by praying for patience (yours and ours!) and asking God to walk along with us as we explore, learn and grow together. The next meeting will be November 1st at 7:30pm.

November 23rd at 7:00pm

Begin Thanksgiving by giving thanks to God. We are invited to attend the ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service this year on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00pm. The service will be at Canadice United Methodist Church, located at 5945 Canadice Hill Road in Springwater. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church and Allen's Hill Methodist Church are also participating. Hope to see you there!

Ecumenical
Thanksgiving
Service



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 November 28th, 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

October has been a very busy month! More folks have been included in our visitation list; we are now visiting 15 people on a fairly regular basis. The more we become involved, the more we see how necessary and important this ministry is. New members on the committee are always welcome. Please contact Carol Van Dusen or Louise Holmes for questions about how to serve.



Sleepless in Seattle

You are welcome to join our monthly "Dinner & a Movie" on Saturday evening, November 12th. 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 *Sleepless in Seattle*. After the death of his wife, Sam Baldwin (Tom Hanks) moves to Seattle with his son, Jonah (Ross Mallinger). When Jonah calls in to a talk-radio program to find a new wife for his father, Sam grudgingly gets on the line to discuss his feelings. Annie Reed (Meg Ryan), a reporter in Baltimore, hears Sam speak and falls for him, even though she is engaged. Unsure where it will lead, she writes Sam a letter asking him to meet her at the Empire State Building on Valentine's Day.

The next "Dinner & a Movie" is Saturday, December 3rd. 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 December's choice you can contact Don at honeyeyfoodpantry@gmail.com.



Election Day Dinner

November 8, from 4:30pm-7:00pm

Please join us for a family style dinner of turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, gravy, squash, cranberry sauce, rolls, sweet bread, coleslaw and applesauce! Adults \$10. Children 5-12 \$5, under 5 eat for free. Your help in preparing, as well as enjoying this meal is needed! Please see Helen Johnson to volunteer.

**“Field Stones” from the intentional interim
minister, Rev. James K. Boodley**



Jesus liked parables. One of the most familiar was that of a sower planting seeds: *“Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched’ and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!” (Matthew 13:3b-9)*

While the point of Jesus’ story wasn’t to talk about effective crop management, it’s worth noting that the sower wasted much of the seed he was planting. He scattered it randomly, some on the path he was walking, on rocky ground, among thorns, and only a portion landed on good soil. Nevertheless, Jesus didn’t say the sower’s efforts were pointless, that he should have stayed home and not bothered with his work. Losses came with the gains, but there were still losses.

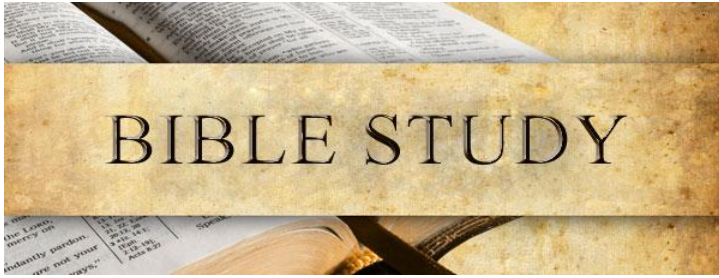
An observation I’ve made in my own life: There’s a field across from my house where I’ve watched two different farmers plant crops for 40 years. The first farmer would break up the soil each spring with a heavy-duty plow. Then he’d send his men out to remove the large field stones which had risen to the top of the soil, stones which would have damaged the farmer’s planting equipment if left in place. When the first farmer retired and sold his property to a younger farmer, I noticed the new guy still broke ground the same way with deep plowing. He didn’t, however, go out to remove the newly uncovered field stones. His tractors and plows were larger and heavier; the farmer plowed, planted, and harvested his crop by going straight through the newly surfaced rocks.

A fact of life for both farmers was that new field stones came up every spring. The stones rose out of a deep layer of sedimentary rock which took millions of years to form before that of the top soil currently in place. As a result, there’s a nearly limitless supply of field stones waiting to come to the soil’s surface. The farmers didn’t arrive at the field each spring, throw up their hands in dismay because there were more stones, then go home. As long as the farmers were willing to do the work of tilling, planting, and harvesting, there would also be bountiful harvests to come out of the field.

The same is true in our own lives and the work Jesus asks us to do: There will *always* be challenges coming to the surface. There will always be difficult people, awful situations, racial tensions, political fights, and grossly unfair treatment of “the least of these” around the world. Those challenges are old and deep. Even so, we don’t throw our hands up in dismay then go home to sulk or cry or give up in frustration. Instead, we join the Risen Christ in his ongoing work of clearing away this year’s fresh field stones then join our brothers and sisters in Christ to care for God’s creation.

After all, field stones are part of God’s creation, too.

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.

November 3

Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 17

Isa 65:17-25
Isa 12
2 Thess 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 10

Hag 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21
2 Thess 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 24

Jer 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79
Col 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43



Pledges

All pledged money needs to be paid **NO LATER** than Sunday, December 25th to be credited to the pledge you made for 2016. Anything received after December 25th will be credited to 2017.



NOVEMBER

- 1 Allyson Brown Hiranandani
- 2 Cliff & Steve Roberts
- 5 Diane Arena
- 6 McAndrew Gamrod, Rev. J.K. Boodley
- 8 Karen Tyler
- 10 Jim Ruppert, Megan Stevens
- 12 Barb Kennerson
- 13 Donna Cochran, Jenel Field
- 14 Doris Severson
- 16 Donna Barnard
- 17 Joan Hohmann
- 20 Ruth Bower
- 22 Alisa Tschorke
- 24 Zachary Stevens
- 26 Michael Tyler
- 28 Lizz VanAmburg
- 29 Jessica Wesley
- 30 Jakob L. Stevens



The cookbooks have arrived and I'm sure you are as anxious to get them as we are to get them to you. We will be distributing them after worship service in the dining room during coffee hour. Additional cookbooks will be available (\$17.00 each) at the Election Day Dinner on November 8th, at the Spaghetti Supper on December 7th, or by emailing Annie Bacon at Anneeski@gmail.com. The cookbooks make excellent Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, or just-because gifts. Don't miss out on giving someone a wonderful gift of yummy recipes. THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this 'idea' a reality. -Annie Bacon-



A Note from the Director

Hello everyone, by now you probably thought I abandoned writing newsletters. Well the truth is, this was a busy summer at the pantry and the heat of this summer was enough to make you want to just curl up at home in front of the A/C with a good book. Oh, that's right I don't have A/C yet, but it's next on my wish-list! Sitting by the lake was just as nice! Anyway, we did have a great summer at the pantry and the good news is that pantry numbers are down a little due to some people finding jobs.

We started September with a donation of food from the Pirates Festival and the monthly donations from St Mary's, WBUCC, the Garden Club, and Rotary. We also enjoyed the proceeds from the spaghetti dinner at UCC. Wow - what a tremendous help these organizations have been! Then the HVA did their annual food drive which was on Labor Day which netted over 2000 lbs and \$903.50 in 5 hours. Great going HVA!!

Our Snack Pack Program started up again, which helps kids in need of food for the weekend, and any single serve items of pudding, fruit cups and soups are welcome donations.

Our Holiday Bazaar is fast approaching on Saturday, Dec. 3rd. It's another community project that the Pantry and the Honeoye Library jointly produce to bring our community's kids together to shop before the holiday.

Lastly, right around the corner are our Holiday Baskets and Angel Tree, where donations are also very much appreciated! We have already started gathering items for the baskets and next month we will have our Angel Tree prepared.



The Honeoye UCC is starting a Youth Group!

There is a proposal before the Church Council to restart the church's youth group. On Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30pm, please join Greg Badger and Cydney Hess in the church dining hall for a think tank. We are interested in reaching out to children in grades 5 and up to develop a relationship with the church and to see how our faith works in daily life. If you are a younger Christian in the church or the parent of one, we'd love to hear your ideas on what you are looking for and how we can help on your faith journey throughout the teenage years. The program would welcome children and teenagers in our community as well, so bring a friend or two! We hope to see you there!

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 try 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are in full swing the Sunday School wing. We invite you to come and peak into our rooms. Ask a child to show you around and be sure to stop by our Bible Timeline that is hanging in the hall. We have already covered creation, Adam and Eve, Noah and Abraham and Jacob.

This month our lessons will consist of:

November 6th: Our younger classes will review our timeline and all they have learned up to this point. The rest of us will be joining in the Election Day dinner festivities by helping to set up the dining room. It is always a fun lesson on serving God and each other.

November 13th: We will be studying Moses up to the time he leads the Israelites out of Egypt. We will focus on how God's plan for Moses started when he was a baby and developed over time. We will learn that God has special plans for us as seen in Jeremiah 29:11¹¹ "I know what I have planned for you," says the Lord. "I have good plans for you. I don't plan to hurt you. I plan to give you hope and a good future."

November 20th: We will continue with Moses as he leads God's people through the wilderness. We will explore how God guided and cared for the Israelites. We will review how God provided nutrition for their bodies in the form of manna, quail and water. We will explore how God provided rules, in the form of the 10 Commandments, so they could learn to live and care for one another. Lastly, we will learn how God provided direction through the pillars of fire and the great tabernacle. We will come to understand how God still provides for us today.

November 27th: We will touch on Joshua and how he led the people into the promise land and conquered the city of Jericho. This is a perfect place to put our Time Line studies on hold until after Christmas. We still have more to explore in the Old Testament and will continue again after Christmas. In the weeks to come we will continue with Advent lessons and join together to prepare a special Christmas program that will be performed December 18.

Hard to believe we are talking about Christmas already. Time really does fly when you're having fun 😊

I can't wait for it all to begin😊

Beth Stowe



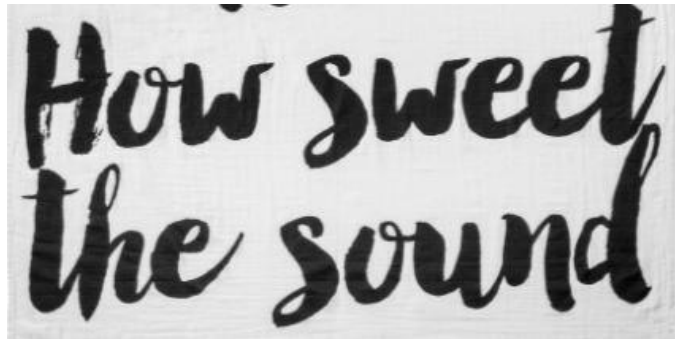
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NY/HELP HONDURAS

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.



Visit to the Abbey of the Genesee

Thanks to everyone who was able to visit the Abbey of the Genesee on September 29th. We had fifteen members and friends of the Honeoye UCC that attended the Compline evening devotional. The Abbey is a Cistercian Monastery located in Piffard, NY and the place where Monk's Bread is made. Compline is an evening liturgy of evening prayers traditionally said before retiring for the night. It was a contemplative and peace-inspiring evening and wonderful to explore how these modern day Monks live their faith. For more information on the Abbey of the Genesee you can visit <http://www.geneseeabbey.org/>.

Advent Wreath Decorating Party - Sunday, November 27th

It may seem like a long way off, but the Advent season begins at the end of this month. The Board of Christian Education will again be sponsoring an Advent wreath decorating party after church on November 27th. We encourage everyone who decorated a wreath last year to re-use their wreath, bring it in to spruce it up and pick up new candles. For those who did not have a chance to decorate a wreath last year and have signed up for supplies, we will provide a wreath, candles and decorating materials.

A note of thanks

Thanks to Beth Stowe and all the fabulous volunteers involved in getting Sunday school underway this year. We are so grateful to have such a vibrant Sunday school that reaches out to all the youth of our church and community with the message "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



The annual Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday, December 10th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in performing, please see Nancy Pease.



Bell Choir

We are busy preparing music for the Christmas season. The bells will be performing as a part of our Christmas Concert on December 10th.



The Children's Choir will be performing at the Granger Homestead Festival of Trees in Canandaigua on Sunday, November 27th at 3:00pm.



It is interesting the bits of information you pick up when you are looking for church secretaries and janitors!

Here are a few purposely not in chronological order:

In 1937 the Annual Church Fair and Roast Beef Dinner was started as a joint effort between the IWBT Class and the Ladies Aid. Marjorie Reed, Edna Treble and Gloria Weider were the steering committee. The last church fair was in 2000. (We all outlive our usefulness!!)

Speaking of dinners, when you look at the clipping in the church dining room about an Election Day Dinner (west side of room) please be impressed that all of the aprons being worn came from Jane Barnard's kitchen. (She probably still has them all.) Marian Gessin chaired the dinner for 10 years. How long have you been doing it, Helen? I must add that when I first came to Honeoye-and for many years after that the president of the Ladies Aid was always Chairman. When Ladies Aid disbanded and probably a few years before that was no longer the case. Good change!!!!

In 1979 there was an ongoing discussion about a "quiet time" before church started. It was hoped that ringing the bell, starting the music and having the choir enter at 10:25 would be our signal to sit and contemplate. We are slow learners but that doesn't mean we don't appreciate your music, Nancy.

In 1961 we purchased a mimeograph for \$288. (Even I could use that!)

In 1987 when she was in kindergarten, Gwen Tschorke Rowley was the United Way Poster Child. What an inspiration Gwen and her family were (still) to all of us. (You're still a "cutie", Gwen!)

In 1902 the parsonage was built. We have had many discussions about its "survival" through the years. I think I am safe that it won't be disposed of in my lifetime! (Whew!)

In 1979 Rev. Asbrook, Rev. Frank Pennington and Nancy Pease were in charge of a Church Newsletter.

In 1951, a board of ushers consisting of 12 MEN was established. Don West was chairman. Are you sitting down?? In 1978 WOMEN were welcomed as ushers. We have had many women chairmen.

In 1957 lights were installed in the church steeple. Also that year Bill Koehnlein was responsible for the church signs at either end of the village.

In 2014, 104 names were removed to the inactive role. (It is very simple to get on the active role again-just "come on down" on a Sunday!) Also in 2014 we were "visited" by Frederick Douglass-the great emancipator-who raised many eyebrows by marrying a local daughter, Helen Pitts.

In 1988 Dorrie Polvino (Carol Ann May's mother) started putting out jars for "Pennies for People." The jars are still there on Sundays (thank you coffee hour people) but today it's "Pennies for Pantry." Our old kitchen area is the headquarters for this very deserving project. Thank you Don and Laurie and all of you helpers.

And—finally—at a 1973 Council meeting, many proposals were made to the Church Renovation Committee. They ranged from "do nothing" to "replace the building." Aren't we thankful that neither was accepted!



BBR Church Women United

Friday, November 4th at 12:00 noon, women are invited to East Bloomfield Congregational Church for a program presented by the Allens Hill United Methodist Church ladies. Please bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided by the church ladies. There will be a meeting including an important vote on whether to sever our connection with the NYS division of the International Church Women United Organization, and change to our own worship group-or-continue our association with the Church Women United Organization as we have for the past 30+ years. There will also be the annual Brown Bag Auction. Please bring your auction contributions (more than one if you would like) securely disguised. The proceeds from the auction go into our own treasury. We hope to see you there!



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.



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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Bell Choir Manager..... Karinda Trowbridge
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Church Moderator David Makepeace
Intentional Interim Minister...Rev. James K. Boodley

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Stewardship Robert Bacon
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 November 15, 2016

November 2016

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 10a Bible Study 6:30p Bells 7:30p PSC Meeting	2	3	4 12p CLU Luncheon	5
6 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir 9:00a Children's Choir 11a Visitation Comm. Mtg 11a Knitting Ministry	7	8  Election Day Dinner 4:30p-7	9	10	11	12 9a-10:30 Pantry DINNER & A MOVIE 6P
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