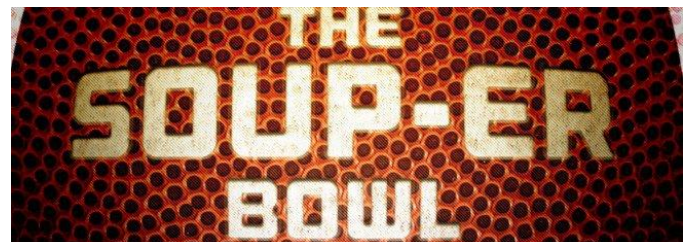


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"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



Souper Bowl for Honduras
Sunday, February 5th



Spaghetti supper

February 1st from 5:00pm-7:00pm
to benefit Richmond Ambulance

N.Y. Help Honduras is a ministry of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ that began in 1989 and the Honeoye UCC has been a great supporter of this mission throughout the years. Please join us after Church on Sunday, February 5th for a warm cup of soup and bread for a free-will donation. All donations will go directly to support N.Y. Help Honduras. Dave Makepeace will have just returned from Honduras so we look forward to hearing his update.



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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. On February 27th, we will meet at the church parking lot at 9:00am and carpool to Salem UCC. We will eat lunch at Salem and return no later than 2:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to join us, please see Margot Badger for more information.



Mr. Church

You are welcome to join our monthly “Dinner & a Movie” on Saturday evening, February 4th. Dinner will still be at 6:30pm in the church dining room and we will start the movie at 7:00pm. Please bring a prepared soup, salad, bread or a dessert to share. Of course, we will supply the popcorn! After the movie, we will return to the dining room for dessert and discussion of the film.

This month’s movie is *Mr. Church*. Inspired by a true story, *Mr. Church* tells the story of Charlotte “Charlie” Brooks (Britt Robertson), a young girl living with her single mother Marie Brooks (Natascha McElhone) in a small beat up apartment. She is awakened by cooking that smells like heaven, to find a stranger named Mr. Henry Joseph Church (Eddie Murphy). Charlie doesn’t like this mysterious man in her house. Marie agrees with Charlie to get rid of him until she finds out he was hired by Marie’s deceased ex-lover to take care of her for six months because she has breast cancer and only has six months to live. The story line traces the relationship between Mr. Church and Charlie as she grows up and faces her own challenges, and as Mr. Church himself struggles with his own demons. The film debuted on April 22, 2016, at the Tribeca Film Festival and was released on September 16, 2016, by Cinelou Releasing and Freestyle Releasing.

The next “Dinner & a Movie” is Saturday, March 4th. 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 March’s choice you can contact Don at honeyeyefoodpantry@gmail.com.



February

- 3 Helen Johnson, Annie Bacon
- 6 Elaine Linnehan, Karen Yax
- 7 Scott Wohlschlegel
- 11 George Wood
- 12 Kathleen Stevens
- 13 Debby Baker
- 15 Mike Baker
- 16 Ethan Pellittiere, Emily Yax, Linda Farrell
- 18 Paul & Matthew Walter, Tom Thornton
- 21 Grace Mastin*
- 23 Beth Stowe, Shannon Seddon
- 25 Brian Krause, Don Pease, Todd Geartz
- 26 Andrea Pellittiere
- 28 Judy Tallon
- 29 Sue Evans

(* This beloved member of our community has passed. We have chosen to leave their name so that we may remember them on their special day.)

**“Eyes, Ears & Faith” from the
intentional interim minister,
Rev. James K. Boodley**

Looking back over the last 100 years, we’ve faced many difficult challenges as Americans: the influenza epidemic, the Great Depression, World Wars I & II, the Korean War, Cuban missile crisis, social upheaval in the 1960s, the Vietnam War, Watergate, 9-11, the rise of extremism of all kinds and the wars we continue to fight in response. When those events happen at an important period of personal development in our own lives – often our teenage and young adult years – they can make a lasting impression on us. My father grew up in the Great Depression, an experience that influenced his world view for the rest of his life. My step-father was an “Army grunt” in WWII, an experience that affected everything from his view of God to what kind of cars he bought (except for a Datsun 280ZX, he never owned a Japanese car). In my own life, the Watergate hearings left me deeply suspicious of unchecked power. Every afternoon during the hearings, I’d come home from school, turn on the TV, and seethe “How dare he do that?!” as testimony about Nixon’s abuse of power came to light. Even though I didn’t know the phrase to describe them, “justice issues” were important to me, even as a teenager.

Justice issues were also important to Jesus from the beginning of his ministry. The Gospel of Luke notes that after his wilderness temptation experience:

“Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, and to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.’

...Then he began to say to them, ‘Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.’ And all spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.” (Luke 4:14-19, 21)

Bringing good news to the poor, proclaiming release to the captive, letting the oppressed go free: all are justice issues. As we know from accounts of Jesus’ works, he devoted much of his time to healing the sick, including restoring sight to the blind. He also talked about those who were blind – and deaf – in a figurative sense, a theme common throughout Scripture. Jesus’ proclaiming to bring “recovery of sight to the blind” can be taken both ways: literally and figuratively. At one point later in his ministry, Jesus’ disciples asked him why he spoke in parables. He answered,

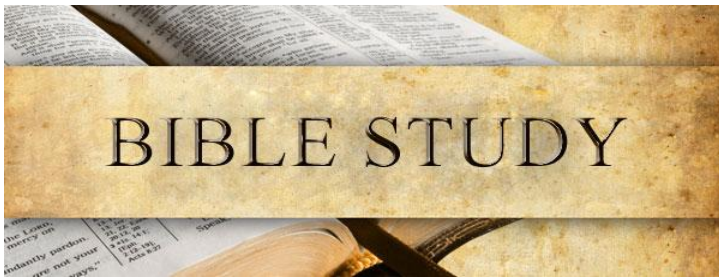
“The reason I speak to them [the people] in parables is that ‘seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen, nor do they understand.’ With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

‘You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this people’s heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes to that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and understand with their heart and turn – and I would heal them.’” (Matthew 13:13-15)

Returning to the challenges Americans have faced during the last 100 years alone, there have been occasions when we didn’t want to get involved in whatever was happening at the time. Before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, for example, the U.S. was fiercely isolationist, not wanting to get caught up in the turmoil in Europe. Turning a blind eye or a deaf ear toward the challenges confronting us today – whether at home or abroad – will not make those challenges go away. Turning away from challenges, saying to ourselves, “I don’t want to know,” only prevents us from understanding them and perceiving their corrosive effect on all of us. It is only in turning toward those challenges – facing them directly, perceiving them with open eyes and ears – that God through Jesus can offer healing. Even if we are willing to look and to listen, however, the challenge facing us isn’t the difficult situation itself, but having faith enough to believe God can, in fact, offer healing. Look, listen, then have faith. But first be willing to look and listen.

Let those who have eyes see. Let those who have ears hear.

In faith,
J.K



On Tuesday mornings at 10:00am, a group of friends meet at the church in the Sunday school room to sip tea, laugh, and enjoy lively conversation regarding Scripture. This is a time honored tradition and they'd love for you to join! No prior knowledge of the Bible is needed- just a willingness to learn, discuss and laugh along. If you are interested or would like more information, please see Janet Arnold. The more the merrier!

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Isa 58:1-9a, (9b-12)
Ps 112:1-9
1 Cor 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matt 5:13-20

February 19

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18
Psalm 119:33-40
1 Cor 3:10-11, 16-23
Matt 5:38-48

February 12

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 or Sir 15:15-20
Psalm 110:1-8
1 Cor 3:1-9
Matt 5:38-48

February 26

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or 99
2 Pet 1:16-21
Matt 17:1-9



Save the Date!

Everyone is invited to the Honeoye UCC **Winter Retreat** sponsored by the Board of Christian Education!

- Date: Saturday, March 4th with a back up date of Saturday, March 11th
- Time: Arrive anytime after 10am and leave when you are ready. Lunch will be provided by the Board of Christian Education at 12:30pm with a short service by J.K. at 2:30pm.
- Location: Ontario County Park, Wilson Lodge 6475 Gannett Hill Park Dr., Naples NY 14512
- Activities: hiking, minute to win-it games, scavenger hunts, sledding, snow shoeing, puzzles games, sing along etc.

Come enjoy this opportunity take some time out of our busy daily lives to connect with each other and the Spirit of God!



The youth group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm! Kids and teens in grades 5 and up are encouraged to join us in the church dining hall. We open with a fun game, move on to a healthy snack and discussion, then do a fun team building exercise, and are 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! You can also follow us at [Facebook.com/HUCCyouthgroup](https://www.facebook.com/HUCCyouthgroup).

This month, we will meet on Tuesdays with the exception of February 14th.

HEADS UP! The 32nd Annual United Church of Christ New York Conference State Youth Event is scheduled for March 3-5th, 2017 at the Watson Homestead in Painted Post, NY. This year's theme is "Realize, Relax, Reassure" and is for teens age 14-18. If you are interested, please see Greg Badger. We will need to know how many teens from our congregation would like to attend so we can make arrangements!

Thank you to the parents who bring their children! We've enjoyed working with them and getting to know them each as individuals and as a group, and can't wait to see where the Spirit leads us!



We will continue with our Bible timeline this month as we move toward the birth of Christ and the New Testament.

February 5th: Having finished with David's childhood last week, we will move onto David's experiences as Israel's greatest king. We will see how David struggled throughout his life, often wavering from God's calling. As we explore a few of the many psalms David wrote, we will realize how deeply David loved God and how God, knowing David's true heart, was quick to respond in grace.

February 12th: We will move onto David's son, King Solomon. In an act of sincere humility Solomon asked God to bless him with wisdom. We will explore the Book of Proverbs as we find words of wisdom that will help us grow in our faith. We will explore what it means to be wise and how at any age we can make wise choices?

February 19th: We will talk about the time of the exile and the result of Babylon's takeover. We will explore how the Jewish people felt as they were forced to leave their homes and the great temple in Jerusalem. We will study Daniel who lived during the exile time period. Daniel will show us how during this time of adversity the Jewish nation was strengthened. Daniel is a wonderful example of staying faithful to God during difficult times and how God's faithfulness and grace is steadfast.

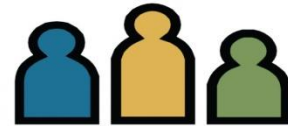
February 26th: We will learn how the Jews eventually returned to Jerusalem with great joy in their hearts. We will discuss how they continued to struggle through many years of hardship as they waited for a savior to come. It is during this week that we will finally see how the birth of Christ fits into our timeline as we head to the New Testament.



Spring Sale Meeting

Hey everyone, it's almost Spring (well sort of), and we know what that means...SPRING SALE!!!! There will be a preliminary/interest meeting on Sunday February 26th after Worship Service. This meeting should only be about 30-45 minutes long. We are looking for suggestions to re-vamp our sales, and also interest in helping out (we do need more volunteers to make this sale a success!). Please come and bring your ideas on improvements to help our sale be bigger and better than ever. See you there.

Annie Bacon/Joan Hohmann/Jane Affolter



community life

February 5th will be our Souper Bowl Sunday. We will have a soup luncheon for you to enjoy as you lend your support to our mission projects in Honduras.

February 12th will be our annual Valentine's Day and Secret Pal Party. Come and enjoy some delicious hors d'oeuvres as we reveal who our pals have been for the last year and who are new pals will be. Secret Pals are open to EVERYONE and we encourage you to sign up. Gifts are given for Special occasions and we love to see them lined up on the window sill. Forms for next year are available at coffee hour starting today.

On February 26th we will celebrate Mardi Gras, (aka, "Fat Tuesday"). Since Fat Tuesday is also known as Pancake Day we will have pancakes and a King cake for coffee hour. Remember if you get the piece of cake with the baby in it, it means you will have good luck all year!



Visitation Committee News

As individuals of the visitation committee we continue to acknowledge our shut-ins and special people in our church family. We continue to make visits, send cards, offer gifts of kindness, and pray for them. We try to bring comfort, a smile, moments of reminiscing, and company to our recipients. We can do simple tasks for them and occasionally bring them tokens of foods, or treats. A couple of our "friends" have traveled to be near other family members for a period of time.

Their requests for assistance are infrequent and manageable. Some family members of these special friends have offered us "Thanks" for our presence in their family member's lives.

As the visitation committee, the gifts we receive from our visits and acts of kindness are multiplied in our lives possibly more than what we bring to our special persons. We welcome individuals that would like to participate in this visiting experience.

If you are aware of an individual or individuals that would benefit from a congregation member visiting, we welcome your suggestion and will respond respectfully. The Prayer Circle can provide needed prayers for requested individuals. If you know individuals that could benefit from prayers, Helen Johnson's e-mail Helmarc45@gmail.com; can provide that guidance and service.

Respectively,

Carol Van Dusen, for Louise & Carol

HOW SWEET THE SOUND



The adult choir performs most Sunday mornings during worship and meets for practice on Sunday mornings at 8:30am in the choirroom. New singers are always welcome, especially tenors and altos!

If you have an interest in singing with the choir or performing special music during a Sunday service please see the music director, Nancy Pease.



The bell choir practices on Tuesdays at 6:30pm. No music knowledge is necessary and all are encouraged to join. Please see Kelly Roller if you are interested.

The children's choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00am in the church dining hall. The more the merrier!



What is E-Giving? Electronic giving offers church members a convenient, safe and simple way to make regular church offerings without the need to write checks, carry cash or prepare envelopes. This is similar to how a majority of our members pay their home bills, using “bill pay” functionality provided by your bank. It’s green!

Your Stewardship Board has selected a UCC sponsored vendor called Vanco to implement E-Giving for Honeoye United Church of Christ, H-UCC. In phase 1, we will implement Automated Clearing House, ACH / Electronic Funds Transfer, EFT only. E-Giving will supplement current pledge payment options; in-service plate collection will continue. Potentially we could implement additional functionality on an “as needed” basis. Enrollment is voluntary. There is no cost to our members. Vanco does charge a \$0.20 per transaction fee to the church. A cost

comparison: Today’s pledge envelope plus paper check costs \$0.22 per week.

Vanco will automatically debit your pledge amount from your savings or checking account at a set frequency you define.

All pledge amounts will be held confidential. Only our financial secretary will have access to individual pledge amounts.

How do I start? You must sign an authorization form to activate E-Giving. Changes can be made anytime by submitting a new authorization form. Forms will be available in the church or by contacting our financial secretary.

A brief Interactive Informational meeting will be held Sunday, February 12, 2017 after our service.

Website: <http://vancopayments.com/>



Installation of New Officers and Board Members

Sunday, February 12th during the Sunday worship, all re-elected and newly elected people are asked to be present for a blessing and prayer.



Let's take a look at the First Congregational Church in Honeoye in 1967.

The pastor was Rev. Vardell Swett-a native of North Carolina and a graduate of Stetson University. He served, ably, from December of 1960 to June of 1970. He moved to the Congregational Church in Terryville, Connecticut.

Church officers were:

Clerk- Jane Barnard	Stewardship- Marian McClintock, ch
Society Clerk- Margaret Edwards	Trustees- Earl Sundeen, ch
Treasurer- Russell May	Deaconess- Leta Hayward, ch
Ben Sec/Treas- Irene Rowley	Deacons- Robert Edwards, ch
Financial Society- Rosemary Fitzgerald	Christian Ed.- Ruth Roberts, ch
Secretary Supt- Gordon Spencer	Music- Sally Pierce, ch
Historian- Blanche Beach	Memorial- Don West, ch
Head Ushers- John Karle; Phil Blackmer	Floral Comm.- Martha Mapes

(As I re-read these names-I did a double take. I'm the only one left in the church! Rosemary and John are alive and well.)

The clerk called the Annual meeting to order and a chairman was elected from the floor. Earl Sandeen was chosen. A tureen supper preceded the meeting. (Why did the suppers stop and moderators start? Stay tuned!!) Council meetings were conducted by the Pastor.

When someone wished to join the church a special meeting was called at the Sunday service to approve the names. This was done in May and December in 1967. I never remember anyone being turned down for membership.

In 1967 the Deaconess did much of the work now done by the Board of Community Life. For example- at the June report they had served one dinner; one breakfast and refreshments for three meetings. They had also prepared (not served) four communions; cared for the Altar; straightened the hymnals each Sunday; made sure there were greeters and sent out eight cards. The members of that busy board were Leta Hayward; Edna Truble; Kay Nighan; Thelma Koehnlein; Gen Wesley and Onnolee Blackmer. Deaconess Emeritus was Carrie Blackmer.

A new ceiling greatly improved the recreation room.

Extensive work was in progress at the parsonage-bathroom upstairs; powder room downstairs; floors gradually straightened; work in ceilings and walls; new gas water heater; five storm windows; work on drainage problem in the basement.

Summer services were at 8:30 and 10:30. A coffee hour after church was started in November.

Phil and Russell Secrest made a new sign for the front of the church.

Plans were made for an April census survey around the lake-especially Lamb's Trailer Park (know where that is?) which had at least 50 homes.

A series of four evening Lenten services were held under the direction of Dr. Benton from Colgate Divinity School.

Gary Fitzgerald replaced Ginny DeNise (at her request) as secretary of Building Fund. This fund was an ever present concern. Receipts from January-June were \$7,859.16.

Two big money raisers were the Church Fair-under the leadership of Marje Reed which cleared \$1,059.62 and the Winter Carnival which cleared \$743.78 after the 15% had been paid to the Carnival committee.

Attendance at Council meetings was low-only nine in November even though the clerk mailed out 42 post cards for each meeting.

Approval was given to the Pastor for time off for a "concentrated course of study."

The Special Nominating Committee reported in February (when was that abolished?) for all appointed church officers: Sally Pierce-Choir Director; Irma Hurst- Organist; Don West- Sexton.

Baptisms were Bardotte Austin; Todd Hayward; Kevin Statt; Brian Ward; Todd Caskey; Jennifer Rowley; Sharon Helling; Tony and Tina Washburn; Floyd Wesley and Sarah Stevens.

Members of the Confirmation Class were Nancy Barnard; Kathy Beeman; Karen Fitzgerald and Laurie Stone.

Marriages: Phil and Sandra Ezell Blackmer and Thomas and Vicki Werder Vogt.

Deaths- Caroline Blackmer; Anna Jerome and Margaret Edwards.

That's a lot of names-and it was a busy year!



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 January 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.



In 2017, the **WEST BLOOMFIELD FARMERS MARKET** will run on Fridays from June 9 through October 13 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. The market is held at the West Bloomfield United Church of Christ on the four corners of West Bloomfield, NY.

Farmers who are interested in participating in the market should read the "Guidelines", which are part of the Application Package. All applications will be reviewed by the Market Manager, and applicants will be notified of the manager's decision upon receipt of all required information.

The fee for a 10ft x 10ft spot is \$120 for the entire season of 19 market days. There is an additional fee of \$20.00 if you require electricity. Bring your own tent, table, chairs, and equipment. The fee is payable when an application is accepted.

Applications handled on a first-come, first-served basis. Please mail the application to Luann Waden, WBFM Manager, 7021 Rt 20A, Bloomfield, NY 14469. For questions please contact Luann by Phone: (585) 229-5550 E-mail: bloomfieldfarmersfare@gmail.com



The American Red Cross has a critical need for blood donations. Due to a shortage of donations this winter, your blood donation is critically needed now. Blood donations are being distributed by the Red Cross to hospitals as fast as they are coming in. Every day the Red Cross must collect nearly 14,000 blood donations for patients in need. Your generous donation is essential for patient care. All those who donate from January 30 to February 26, 2017 are eligible to receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card via email for making blood and platelet donation a priority this winter. More information can be found at redcrossblood.org/winter.

You may also save time by using RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before your appointment. Learn more at redcrossblood.org/RapidPass.

February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir 9:00a Children's Choir 11:00a Souper Bowl Sunday	6	7 10a Bible Study 6:00p Bells 6:30p Youth Group	8	9	10	11
12 10:00A Worship Installation Sunday 8:30a Choir 9:00a Children's Choir 11:00a Secret Pal Party	13	14 10a Bible Study 6:00p Bells NO YOUTH GROUP	15 	16	17	18 9a-10:30 Pantry
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