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



"The Learning Cycle: Education...but also Wisdom"
by Pastor Ken McIntosh

"For everything there is a Season" the writer of Ecclesiastes famously observed (4:1) and—for those of us who are of a certain age—the Byrds made that passage into a memorable song. This is the season when school commences. The experience of that varies; families with children in Primary school really feel the change. Daycare ceases to be a concern, but then school clothes and supplies are a big deal. The day before school starts can be a whole-family holding-of-the-breath: will the new teachers be understanding? Will my child make friends in class? For families with college students, it is saying "Goodbye" for the semester. There may be a trip to a college town, and setting son or daughter up in their new dorm, and then it is saying goodbye and praying like crazy that they make good choices regarding

behavior and studies. For some of us, the resumption of school year now allows us the vicarious pleasure of watching other people—who still have students in the family—go through these adventures.

But I don't want to say, "I'm no longer a student," because I believe all people should be lifelong learners. Confucius said, "I am learning all the time. The tombstone will be my diploma." And it's especially valuable to learn the ways of God. The Bible speaks of "Wisdom" (Hokmat) which is the art of skillful living. Knowledge is valuable, but wisdom is better. "Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her" (Proverbs 3:13-14, NRSV)

There will be two scheduled opportunities to grow in wisdom beginning at the church in this back-to-school season. It's always hard to make time for such events, because the back-to-school season for students is also back-to-work time for families, and juggling the responsibilities of vocation and being the parents of students can be difficult indeed. But perhaps a resolute attempt to set aside learning time for Mom and Dad can help the whole life experience to be richer and more satisfying? I like to think of "learning experiences" rather than "classes," because "class" sometimes sounds like "lecture" and learning happens best in relational, experiential, and dialogue settings.

The church Bible study will begin on Sept. 5th; I'll be using the "South African Bible Study" method which asks three questions ("What stands out? What relates to your life experience? What does this impel you to do?") about each passage. Texts will be the lectionary text for coming

Sunday. Some of the ideas of Bible study participants may find their way into the following week's sermon.

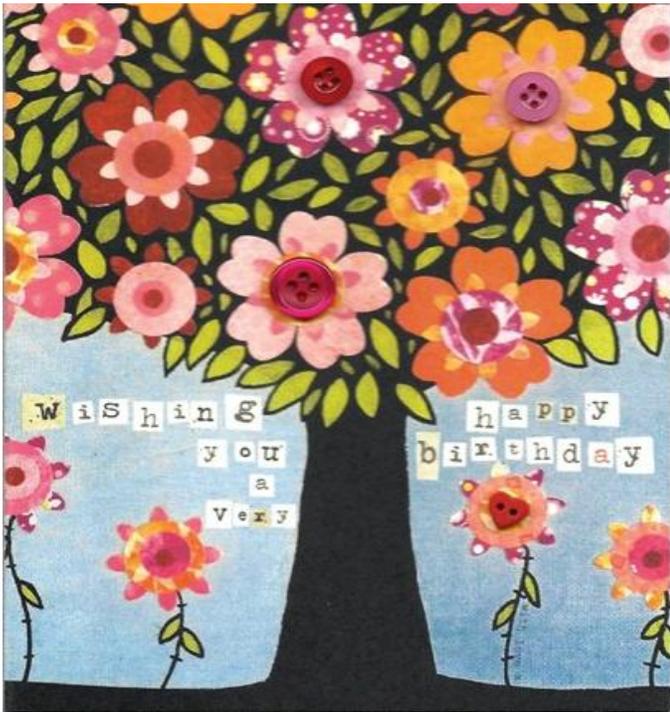
"Water from an Ancient Well" starts September 21, in the evening. This would be a good learning experience to invite your friends to. It'll be based on my popular book of the same name, and will give participants ways to grow in a practical path of Christ-nature-mystic spiritual practices. Gatherings will include times of worship, meditation, discussion and practice.

For those who will be too stretched to attend learning experiences at the church, may I recommend a bit of good reading? I recently benefited from Marcus Borg's book *Days of Awe and Wonder*. It's a posthumous collection of his writing and speaking over the past decades. If you don't know Professor Borg's work, you're in for a treat. He takes profound and direct experience of God and communicates that simply and powerfully.

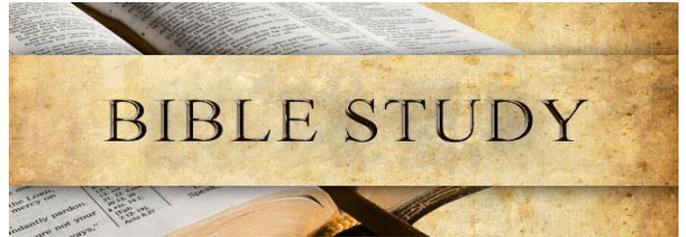
So, it's the season of "back to school" for students of all ages. Blessings on students, from preschool to grad school. Blessings on Parents, juggling work and children's educational schedules. Blessings on educators, whose lives become engrossed in their precious and demanding responsibilities. And...blessings heaping over, if on top of all this you can find time to enlarge your soul's capacity through the path of spiritual education.

Peace and blessings,
Ken





- 1 Erica Orman
- 3 Becky Nilsson, Doris Turner
- 5 Toby Geartz, Calvin P. Bower
- 7 Linda Bennett, Jim Apolito
- 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 Wendy Krause, Jeff Brown
- 22 Caitlin Wohlschlegel, Bill Badger, Louise Holmes, Peter Badger, Ryan Andrews
- 25 Shawn Roberts, Carol Brown, Greg Andrews



The Bible study group will resume meeting again on Tuesday, September 5th and meets from 10:00am to 11:30am in the Sunday school room. Consider joining as Pastor Ken leads the group deeper into the text of Exodus. The study will follow Pastor Ken's sermon scriptures and is a great time for questions, discussions and deepening our understanding of God's word. You do not have to come every week, just come as you are able. All are welcome!

Sept. 3

Exod 3:1-15
 Psalm 105:1-6
 Rm 12:9-21
 Matt 16:21-28

Sept. 10

Exod 12:1-14
 Psalm 149
 Rom 13:8-14
 Matt 18:15-20

Sept. 17

Exod 14:19-31
 Psalm 114
 Rom 14:1-12
 Matt 18:21-35

Sept. 24

Exod 14:19-31
 Psalm 114
 Phil 1:21-30
 Matt 20:1-16

Visitation Committee

Summer vacations and breaks from routine are refreshing and invigorating for most of us. But, we have found that the need for visitations, transportation, meals, etc., does not pause or take a break. We have 17 folks on our list and we are trying to bring comfort, concern, and reassure them they are a part of our church family. A visit, phone call, or card can help our shut-ins get through their day. Please let us know if you are aware of a need for our prayers and/or visit. Louise Holmes (346-5761) and Carol Van Dusen (229-2280)





Bell Choir

Bells will begin 9/12. 6:30-7:30pm. Please let Kelly Roller know if you are planning on ringing this season.

Children's Choir

Children's choir will have an informational meeting with children and parents on Sunday, September 17 at 9:30 in the dining hall. I would really like a choir of 12+ singers, ages 5 and up. Right now I only have 9. Please invite your neighbors and friends to sing, too. Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45. Thank you! -Kelly Roller

Sunday Choir

Choir will resume singing on Sunday, September 10th. Rehearsal is at 8:30am. All are welcome (you don't even need to be an adult!) See Nancy Pease for more details!



A Just World for All: 3 Great Loves initiative

Over the next few months, you will notice a few new ideas being rolled out in the United Church of Christ. One easily noticeable change will be the introduction of a new logo like the one listed above. From the website ucc.org:

“The United Church of Christ has a vision of a just world for all. In this world all are welcomed, everyone is loved and justice is inherent. The 3 Great Loves is the denomination’s opportunity to express how our **Love of Neighbor, Love of Children,** and **Love of Creation** work together to address the inequities in our current world.

Over the course of the next two years, through the lens of the 3 Great Loves, the United Church of Christ tells the story of how we are impacting and transforming the world, united in common purpose and mission.

During these upcoming two years, there will be moments of special invitation to participate in this denomination-wide undertaking. One by one we will focus on each of the 3 Great Loves in service to our communities.

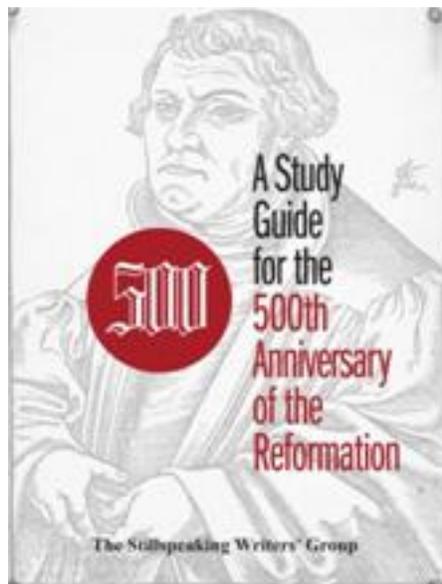
Our expression of love, is and will be our living testimony.”



Dinner and a movie is back! You are welcome to join our monthly “Dinner & a Movie” on Saturday evening, September 9th. Dinner will still be at 6:00pm 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 will be *Lion*. Five year old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple. Twenty-five years later, armed with only a handful of memories, his unwavering determination, and a revolutionary technology known as Google Earth, he sets out to find his lost family and finally return to his first home. The cast stars Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman and Rooney Mara. *Lion* has won several wards including the BAFTA Award for Best Adapted Screenplay (2017) and the Directors Guild of America Award for Outstanding Directing.

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



500: Reformation

500 is a four-session, small-group study for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Pastor Ken will be offering faith formation experiences exploring the topic of Reformation on October 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. More information will be forthcoming. However, if you wish to purchase the study material for these sessions, please contact the office at honeyeucc@gmail.com.

RESPOND TO HURRICANE HARVEY

- PRAY** for those impacted.
- GIVE** generously to support relief and recovery efforts.
- ASSEMBLE** cleanup buckets.
- VOLUNTEER** in the long-term recovery efforts.

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To learn more about the United Church of Christ’s efforts to ease the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, please visit www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_harvey.

Take your bells out of that closet and get...



BACK to BELLS

COMPREHENSIVE WORKSHOPS TO REINVIGORATE YOUR HANDBELL PROGRAM

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Recruiting ringers
- Basic techniques
- Basic maintenance
- Creative use of handbells in worship
- Ringling with less than a full choir
- Basic rehearsal techniques
- Repertoire selection

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backtobells.handbellmusicians.org

- Handbell Musicians of America is offering FREE workshops across the country to help you get your handbells out of the closet and restart your handbell program – or start a brand new program. A handbell program in your church offers numerous benefits for your congregation.
- A handbell choir adds a unique and glorious musical element to worship
- Handbells provide a great opportunity for inter-generational activity
- A handbell program creates opportunities for lay members to contribute to worship and participate with the worship team
- Handbells are accessible to all levels of musicians – even those with no prior musical experience
- Handbells can be used effectively in both contemporary and traditional worship
- A handbell program provides a fun way to work together and share fellowship
- Handbells provide additional opportunities for teaching the elements of music in a church environment
- A handbell program can be a traveling music ministry to other congregations and venues, also providing the opportunity to practice evangelism without words
- Handbells can easily be combined with other music ministries at your church – handbells with choir, other instruments, or with youth to provide a unique way to present favorite bible stories and lessons during worship
- Not sure how to get started? Don't think you have the tools to make your program successful? Then our Back to Bells workshops are perfect for you!

What's Included?

Each four-hour workshop will include instruction on the following topics:

- Basic Ringing Techniques (and how to teach them)
- Recruiting Ringers for Your Program
- Basic Handbell Maintenance
- Basic Rehearsal Techniques
- Repertoire Selection
- Ringing with Less than a Full Choir
- Creative Use of Bells in Worship

Want to be sure we offer a session near you?

contact membership@handbellmusicians.org

Learn more at
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What an exciting day August 6, 2017 turned out to be for me! For a few minutes I thought that Lynn would have to go home and get Larry and the truck because my head was so Big! In case you don't know what I am talking about-at Coffee Hour I was presented with THE Book. I am now a "published author." (I haven't done any book signings yet but-give it time. I expect to hear from Barnes and Noble almost any day.)

All joking aside, I do thank you all very much. I don't know which names to name. I have a feeling that Bill Van Dusen was the "instigator"; I know that Grace Jackson and Annie Bacon were the editors, and I'm sure that Cydney Hess and Lizz VanAmburg were involved. Thank you all-named and unnamed from the bottom of my heart.

I hadn't realized that I had been trying to "ramble" since February 2013. It is no wonder that I am running out of things to say. As I look back I think I just took it upon myself-don't think I even asked anyone (maybe Lizz?) if it would be ok.

The first "masterpiece" was naming the church clerks from 1900 to 2013. So I will bring that up to date. S. Mills Day (the pastor) was clerk in 1900. Joan Briggs was welcomed as clerk for 2013. Joan decided that she would forgo the honor so since then Grace Jackson and then Penny Jones have been keeping track of things.

It is interesting to me that from 1900 to 1929 the clerks were all men with the exception of Millie Pierce (1924) and Fannie Hicks (1925). Fannie served again in 1941. No man has served since Truman Stevens in 1927-1929. What does that say about the equality of the sexes? I guess you could look at it either way!!

It is amazing that a person can live so long and find out so many things she doesn't know.

I have heard that the parsonage was a "mail order" home. I had read that the church edifice-including extensive renovations including new carpeting and furniture was fully paid off in 1882.

What does a church do if you don't owe money?? You find something to spend it on, of course. So, in 1901 a committee was formed to check into buying or building a parsonage. The timing was right. While Reverend Day was pastor (1862-1896) he had owned his own home at 48 West Main Street.

Estimated expenses of \$1,328 were approved. A legacy of \$500 was available; \$500 was borrowed at a 5% interest and a will bequest of \$250 was available. So-"the Elms" was built in 1902-1903 on parts of the old "Pitts Estate"-with only a debt of \$100!!

I also heard this summer that the parsonage owns four to five acres in the back. There is evidence that a cabin (maybe Boy Scouts from Reverend Madsen's day-late 1920's) had been built there. Mary Pestle remembers playing back there when she was a child. Anyone else? Harold? Lillian? Also several trees were harvested from there recently and the profit used to pay for the new windows at the parsonage.

Now to go back to the "mail order" house-when I was visiting with Marsha McIntosh earlier this summer she told me that interesting news. (So much for living here almost a hundred years!)

Of course I was intrigued-I have read a lot of church history but had not seen that. Marsha told me that Ellie Jordan had told her. I asked Ellie and she could not remember who had told her-or where she might have read it-but that the information made a lot of sense. In the early 1900's Sears Roebuck was in the prefab housing business with several different models to choose from. Our parsonage would classify as an average priced one. Isn't that exciting?

Can someone "twitter" or "skype" or whatever you do in the modern world and possibly find out more details? There must be a record somewhere.

Trustees-is that your department? Your board has certainly been involved in parsonage related activities for the last few months. We thank you as a congregation for all that you have accomplished-and we are sure that Marsha and Ken will enjoy your labors.

Wouldn't it be exciting to learn more about this?

So long!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Vacation Bible School and Summer Sunday Activities Update

Thanks so much to Sara Tompkins for planning, leading and coordinating our wonderful Vacation Bible School this past summer which revolved around the Heifer International organization. The children were able to focus on God's creation, how animals help sustain communities around the world and taking care of our neighbors. Thanks also to everyone who contributed to our community-wide fundraising effort to support Heifer - stay-tuned for the grand total!

A big thank-you to all the members of the Board of Christian Education and other volunteers who lead children's activities this summer as well.

Nursery News

Thanks to Gwen Rowley for leading the effort to create a new nursery space. What used to be Helen's classroom is now going to be transformed into a nursery designed specifically for infants up to three year-olds. Creation of this space will provide age-appropriate activities, space to crawl, a rocking chair, a crib and a place for mothers to nurse. We will also be moving the changing table from the woman's rest-room to this nursery space. Welcome to Megan Apolito who has taken over caring for children in the nursery!

If anyone has any age-appropriate toys for ages birth to three that they would like to donate, please see Gwen. We are looking for toys that are in good condition and are low maintenance (trying to avoid batteries). Thanks so much!

Quiet Bags

We have re-vamped the quiet bag system for during church services. There are now a variety of options for different ages. Please have your child take an empty bag, fill it with what they want to play with, and then return the toys and empty bag when you are done. There are a couple of Water Wow toys, simply put a little water in the pens and then you can draw in the books, when they dry the color will disappear and can be used over and over again. There are also some drawing mats that can be used with Number 2 pencils, and then wiped down. We have also added some quiet toys and fidget toys to keep little and big ones busy. We are looking to add to this collection, so if you have anything laying around that would be a good quiet activity, please let Gwen know! There are still coloring options, in the crate there are file folders with individual coloring sheets, and then pencil cases with new crayons and colored pencils. Please take the beautiful masterpiece that your child creates with you, and return the clip board and pencil case to the crate. Please see Gwen if you have any questions.

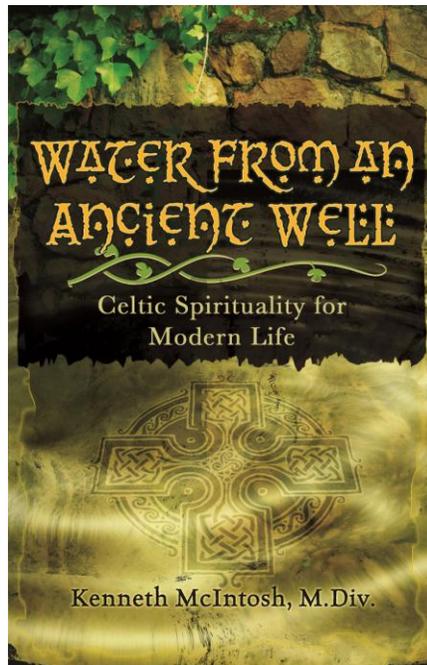
Announcing an exciting adult Christian Education opportunity “Water from an Ancient Well: Celtic Spirituality for Modern Life”

Everyone is invited to a series of gatherings revolving around Celtic Spirituality lead by our new pastor, Reverend Kenneth McIntosh.

Dates: Thursdays starting September 21st through November 16th (no class on 11/9)

Time: 7:00-8:15pm

Location: Honeoye United Church of Christ, 8758 Main St. Honeoye.



Water from an Ancient Well: *Celtic Spirituality for Modern Life*

A Learning Experience for any interested folks in the Finger Lakes region, presented at the Honeoye United Church of Christ.

- Learn an ancient, earth-honoring way of living skillfully in today's world
- Valuable for persons of all faiths or no faith (although based on the teachings of Jesus)
- Topics include: The Divine in the Everyday, Sacred Presence in Nature, Furred and Feathered Friends, Gifts of the Imagination, and Sacred Hospitality
- Gatherings include: music, meditation, presentation, discussion, and snacks
- All gatherings are free and open to the public
- Come as often as you wish, each session is self-contained
- Based on the Celtic Spirituality bestseller “*Water from an Ancient Well*” and presented by the author, Kenneth McIntosh. Copies of the book will be available for purchase at a reduced cost, but the book is not necessary to benefit from or participate in the gatherings.



Hello All,

September 10th brings with it the beginning of a new Sunday School fall/winter program. I am very excited that this year we will be exploring the relationship our children have with Jesus. Having spent the summer reading and learning how to help grow our youth's faith with God, it became very apparent that we needed to delve into a deeper, more meaningful relationship with Christ.

In John 14:8-17 Phillip asks Jesus to show him the Father so that he wouldn't have to wonder or worry about it anymore. Jesus gave a clear response "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father". Jesus then went on "The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me and does work through me. Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me". If we want to see God all we have to do is look at Jesus.

One of the books I read this summer was "Show Them Jesus" by Jack Klumpenhouwer. In it Klumpenhouwer writes how much our kids really need Jesus. Klumpenhouwer says "Today, a frightening number of kids are growing up in churches and Christian homes without ever being captured by the gospel of Jesus. As children and teenagers they may seem to be believers, but then they reach their college and young adult years and quit church. He goes on to say "these kids actually have good reasons to quit. They look back and realize that they learned much about Christian behavior and churchy experiences, but whatever they learned about Jesus didn't really change them. They never saw him so strikingly that he became their one, overriding hope and their greatest love. They were never convinced that Jesus is better – a zillion times better- than anything and everything else".

I am not sure how to help get our children to a place that the author describes, and when it does

happen it will be more due to the work of the Holy Spirit than any message even the best teacher can preach. Certainly, I am aware this is not something we can accomplish in one year, but it has become my underlying motivation when it comes to finding curriculum, teaching lessons and sharing our time together. It is our job as teachers and parents to plant a hearty seed in the hearts of our youth. And with the curriculum available to us this year I hope we can "ramp up" the experience.

So, how will that look? I have found 3 different curricula that we will be working with. I spent time this summer blending them together to make an all-encompassing program to share. We will continue to gather together for the first 15 minutes each Sunday, where we will learn about a foundational Gospel story. After exploring the main lesson, we will then break off to individual classrooms to back up the lesson with age appropriate activities.

For our Jr. High class that will mean tackling some of the really tough questions. I believe in order to grow in relationship with Jesus we have to start tackling some tough stuff. So, we will be asking questions like: Is the Bible true, why should I follow Jesus, can't I just say I believe in him, was Jesus really God, why did Jesus get baptized, do I have to believe Jesus performed miracles in order to be a Christian. These are just a few of the topics we will cover.

I am happy to share the material we will be using and /or answer any questions you may have about your child's religious experience. I am open to all thoughts. You can reach me by email, Beth @stoweconstruction.com or by phone 880-3447. I can't wait to get started!

Keeping the faith,
Beth

connecting with
community



The Honeoye Community Food Pantry

This month, a portion of the proceeds for our spaghetti supper will benefit the Honeoye Community Food Pantry.

The Food Pantry is housed at the Honeoye UCC and relies on donations, grants and Food Link to provide the community with access to nutritional items that many of us take for granted. They offer this service to anyone in the Honeoye school district, regardless of age, ability or income. The Food Pantry is open on alternate Saturday mornings from 9:00am-10:30am and relies on volunteers. In September, the pantry will be open on the 2nd, the 16th and the 30th. Please bring at least one reusable bag for the groceries and a piece of mail (preferably a utility bill) to prove residency if this is your first time requesting aid.

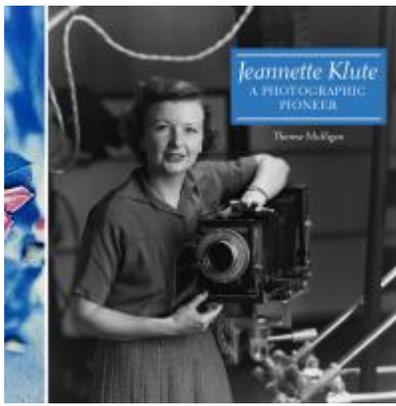
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Don at 585-721-0009 or email honeyefoodpantry@gmail.com.



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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 September 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 585-396-4196 for more information. You can also find a menu at their website, www.co.ontario.ny.us.



Jeannette Klute: A Photographic Pioneer

The focus of Jeannette Klute's career at Eastman Kodak Company was on new discoveries in color photography, in particular, the Dye Transfer color process. Klute adopted the laborious Dye Transfer process in the interest of highlighting landscape and natural settings. She promoted environmental concerns in her views, joining a small group of landscape modernists including Elliot Porter, who chose the new aesthetics of advanced color technology over the conventional appearance of black and white nature settings. The release of this new title illuminates a particular period in twentieth-century American photography, accompanied by fine examples of Klute's work. Her photographs are held by a small number of American collections in the U.S., and the RIT Archive Collections at Rochester Institute of Technology contains the largest holding of her lifelong work.

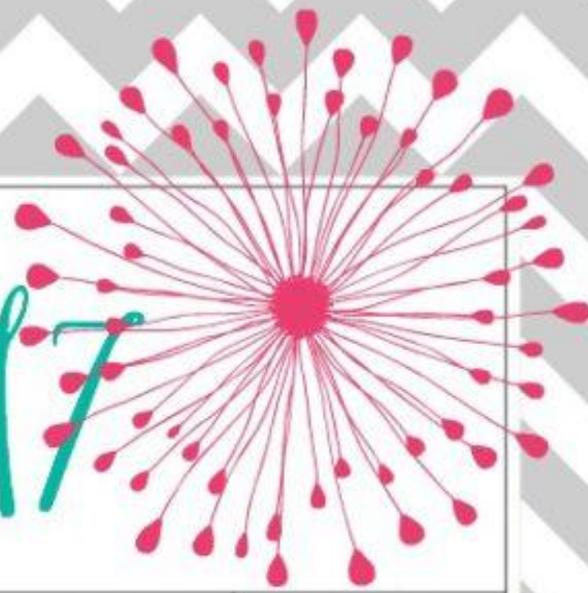
An exhibition of Ms. Klute's work will be held at the RIT William Harris Gallery from October 5–28, 2017.

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A Goodie!

The **Honeoye Area Seniors Group** has long been an important part of our community, and continues to meet on the first Thursday of the month, following the senior meal at the Honeoye UCC in the dining hall at noon. This is a time of fellowship for those in the Honeoye, Bloomfield, Hemlock and Canadice area over the age of 50.

If you are interested in connecting with this group, please consider attending on Thursday, September 7th. Anyone is welcome to join! The seniors have been considering different outings and community service opportunities, and it is an exciting time to get involved!

September 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9-10:30 Pantry
3 10:00 Worship	4	5 12p Sr. Lunch	6 Spaghetti Supper 5p-7p	7 12p Sr. Lunch	8	9
10 8:30a Choir 10:00 Worship	11	12 12p Sr. Lunch 6:30p Bells	13	14 12p Sr. Lunch	15	16 9-10:30 Pantry
17 8:30a Choir 9a Children's Choir 10:00 Worship	18	19 12p Sr. Lunch 6:30p Bells	20	21 12p Sr. Lunch 7p Water From an Ancient Well	22	23
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