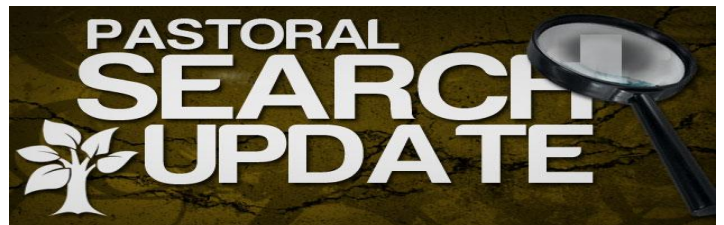


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"No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here."



Members include: Jeff Brown (co-chair), Mike Baker (co-chair), Megan Apolito, Louise Holmes, Joni Nilsson, Kelly Roller, Beth Stowe, Bill Van Dusen and Karen Yax.

As we communicated in January, the Honeoye church profile has been formally posted to the UCC website. In these first six weeks we've begun receiving and reviewing candidate profiles from pastors expressing a desire to be considered.

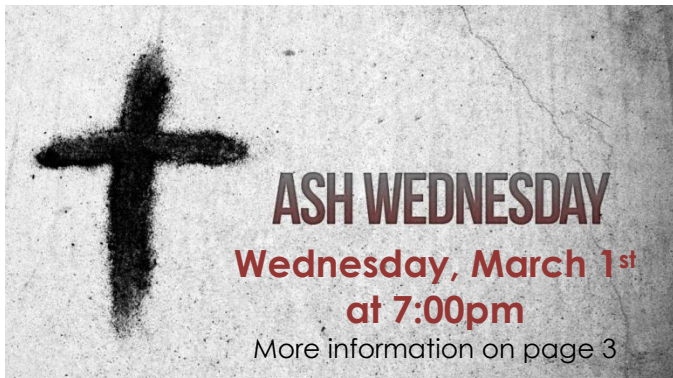
As of mid February we've received 14 candidate profiles and it is a diverse group by pretty much any measure:

- length in ministry: one (or less) - 20 years
- gender: six women, eight men
- age: 30 - 70 years
- career background: full / part-time ministry, second career, chaplaincy, social work
- geography: 11 states (only two presently based in NY)
- family configuration: single, married, with and without children

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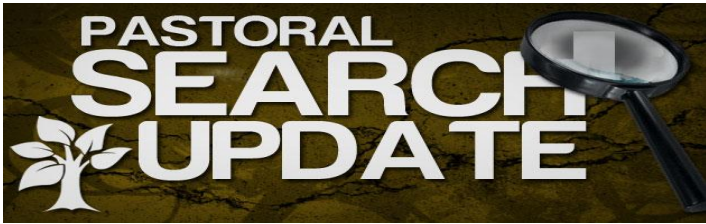
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The review process begins with our committee reading each approximately 20 page candidate profile and meeting to determine which ones we want to follow up with by sharing our detailed church profile and having an initial phone interview.

That process has produced a "short list" of candidates who we then interview via Skype - letting the whole committee meet a candidate virtually in both audio and video form.

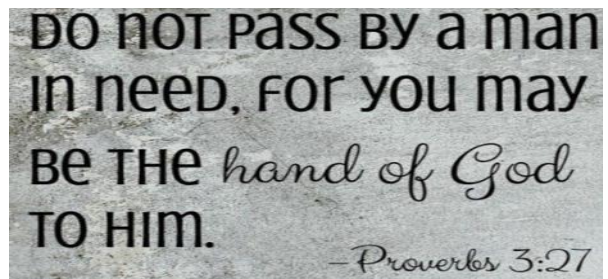
We've discovered through these initial weeks that discernment indeed takes time!

We ask for your continued prayers and support in this process. We also encourage anyone with questions about the process to speak with *any* committee member as we continue this important work.



On Saturday, March 18th the Honeoye United Church of Christ will hold a soup and chili luncheon. The luncheon is open to the public and a free will offering for the Food Pantry will be taken.

Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 1:00 at the church. All are welcome to come and vote for their favorite soup or chili.



Installation Sunday

We are blessed as a congregation and a faith community to have so many people willing to share their gifts! This picture was taken on February 12th during our 10:00am worship service where we blessed our church officers, board and committee members. As you can see, almost the entire church body is involved, from the children on up. God has blessed us, and so we bless others!

Photo credit: Beth Wilkins



Funny Farm

You are welcome to join our monthly “Dinner & a Movie” on Saturday evening, March 4th. Dinner is at 6 pm in the church dining room. Please bring a prepared soup, salad, bread or a dessert to share. At 7 pm we will move downstairs to our new 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.

Funny Farm is a 1988 American comedy film starring Chevy Chase and Madolyn Smith. The film was adapted from a 1985 comedic novel of the same name by Jay Cronley. It was the final film directed by George Roy Hill. A couple swap city life for the country, but their picturesque new hometown turns out to be overrun with a gauntlet of crazy inhabitants.

Please note that the next “Dinner & a Movie” is Saturday, April 9th-the second Saturday of the month. 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 April’s movie choice you can contact Don at honeyefoodpantry@gmail.com.

Ash Wednesday Service

Our Ash Wednesday service will be held on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. This is also the night of our spaghetti supper, benefitting the Honeoye Food Pantry. We encourage you to consider coming for dinner and enjoying a time of fellowship before we ready our hearts for the Easter season. All are welcome.



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 March 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.



Bell Choir Rehearsal

Bell Choir meets on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 to rehearse. All ringers welcome!

Choir Rehearsal

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

Children’s Choir

If you have a kid who loves to sing, we have a great opportunity for them to use their gifts! Children’s Choir meets Sunday mornings at 9am in the dining hall by the piano. Please contact Kelly Roller for more information!



**“The 40 Days of Lent”
from the intentional interim minister,
Rev. James K. Boodley**

The traditional period of fasting, atonement, and sacrifice known as Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter Sunday. For most Christians, Lent lasts approximately 40 days, a number which occurs repeatedly in the Bible:

- It rained for 40 days and nights when God flooded the earth, killing all except Noah and the people and animals he brought aboard the ark.
- Moses was on Mt. Sinai for 40 days when he met with God.
- Moses led the Hebrew people for 40 years as they wandered through the wilderness on their way to the Promised Land.
- Jesus own wilderness experience lasted 40 days, after which he was tempted by Satan.
- In the early church, traditional belief held that Jesus was in the tomb for 40 hours, which were commemorated by 40 hours of total fasting before celebrating Easter Sunday.

If you do an online search of “Lent,” you’ll find articles about it being a time of preparation for Easter, a time to reflect on the life of Jesus as well as his suffering, death, burial, and resurrection. A popular practice is to “give up” something for Lent, such as a favorite treat or habit – “I’m giving up chocolate for Lent.” Doing so is thought to be a way to connect personally with Jesus’ suffering, be it at the beginning of his ministry or at the end of his life.

I’m not a big fan of self-inflicted suffering, especially when there’s a better option. The better option I’ll suggest for Lent is

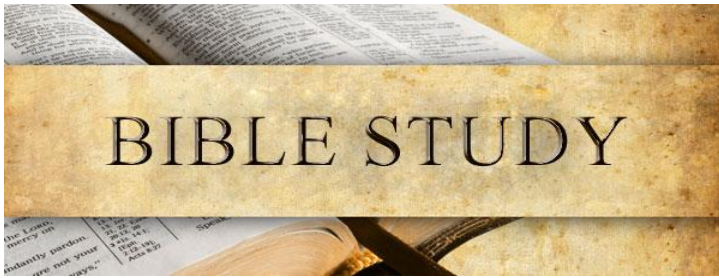
to take on an activity or train of thought that will help you improve as a person. For just 40 days (pick one, or more):

- Write down something for which you are grateful each day.
- Tell someone you love something you appreciate about him or her each day.
- Focus on one world problem and pray about it each day during Lent.
- Focus on 40 world problems and pray about each for one day during Lent.
- Pay attention to when you begin to become frustrated / angry / depressed during Lent. Instead of following your normal routine, “talk yourself down” as often as necessary during the next 40 days. Likewise, ask God to take whatever’s bothering you off your shoulders – for just 40 days – during Lent.

The idea of trying to grow or improve for “just 40 days” makes the change in behavior manageable, do-able, achievable. It’s too easy to cut short our efforts when we’re trying to change-for-the-better for the rest of our lives. For 40 days, though, we can “try on” a new behavior or frame of mind “just for size.” It’s not forever, but just long enough to evaluate its effect on our lives objectively. And 40 days is also long enough for us realize we didn’t do it on a whim: “How about that? I did it for 40 days; I can do it again for another 40, the another 40 after that.”

May God provide you the grace and resolve to take on – just for Lent, just for 40 days – whatever’s limiting your growth as a person and as a person of faith.

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!

March 5

Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Ps 32
Rom 5:12-19
Matt 4:1-11

March 19

Ex 17:1-7
Ps 95
Rom 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 12

Gen 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Rom 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-7 or
Matt 17:1-9

March 26

1 Sam 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Eph 5:8-14
John 9:1-4



Knitting Ministry
Will meet Sunday,
March 5th in the library
following worship.



- 2 Fran Johnson
- 3 Beth Elizabeth Meek
- 5 Solon Barnard; Sara Tompkins
- 7 Tyler Hodgeman
- 10 Robbie Nilsson
- 10 Jan Petty
- 13 Matthew Thornton
- 15 Danielle Ruppert Wendel; Judy Beers;
Debra Nilsson
- 22 Jonathan Fulmer, Taylor Pestle, Jennifer
Wohlschlegel
- 23 Patti Ruppert
- 25 Scott Pestle
- 31 Beth Tyler



Visitation Committee

Our visits, phone calls, cards, and encouragement continue to our special friends. Our contacts have changed slightly since some individuals have gone to be with family members out of the area. We retain contact with them through cards or phone calls. Generally our contacts remain stable. As visitors we benefit as much as those being visited.

Our prayer circle continues to be active, the benefits surpass our commitments. Anyone can share this circle by communicating with Helen Johnson. She alerts the prayer circle when prayer requests are made. Helen's email address is: Helmarc45@gmail.com

Respectfully,
Carol / for Louise and Carol



We are moving our study into the New Testament this month, after having explored a solid foundation in the Old Testament. Our Bible time line that hangs in the education wing hall is full of pictures, crafts and words that express all we have learned.

I would like to formally invite you to our Sunday School open house on March 5th. We invite you to come down to the education wing after church, where the youth will be serving coffee and doughnuts in their classroom. We invite you to explore our rooms, add to our timeline and discover what we have been up to the past five months. It doesn't matter if you have a child in the Sunday School program or not-this is a time for all members of the congregation to explore what is happening in your youth's faith journey. So, join in the fun!

March Lessons:

March 5th: We will take this week to better understand who Jesus is, both as the Son of God and as a man. This is a difficult concept for children to understand, but a vital piece of our faith. We will look at Jesus identified as; Son of God, Son of Man, The Good Shepherd, the Messiah, the Anointed One, the Savior, the Suffering Servant, Beloved Son, Councilor, Prince of Peace.

March 12th: We will introduce the 12 disciples and how they became followers of Jesus. As we apply this lesson of discipleship to our own lives, we will help each class begin to understand how we are all called to be disciples of Jesus.

March 19th: We will talk about how Jesus healed the sick. Though we will discuss many miraculous healings, we will focus our lesson on the story found in Luke 5:19. This story describes how some men who were unable to get close to Jesus, lowered their paralyzed

friend down through a roof to where Jesus was teaching. This is a wonderful story of faith, friendship and perseverance.

March 26th: We will review how God's kingdom started small, but grew very large as we explore the parables of the mustard seed and the yeast. Looking back on our time line, we will remember how God made a covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the Old Testament and sent Jesus to save us in the New Testament. We will talk about how the good news spread throughout the world to different peoples and cultures everywhere, and we will end the lesson with the understanding that we are a part of God's wonderful story that has no end.



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

Date: Saturday, March 4th. In the event of impassible roads due to ice or extreme snow we will reschedule for March 11th.

Time: Arrive anytime after 10am and leave when you are ready. Lunch provided by Board of Christian Ed at 12:30 with a short service by interim minister J.K. Boodley following lunch.

Location: Ontario County Park, Wilson Lodge 6475 Gannett Hill Park Dr., Naples NY 14512.

Activities: Hiking, minute to win-it games, scavenger hunts, geocaching, sledding, snow shoeing, puzzles games, sing-along etc.

Come enjoy this opportunity to take some time out of our busy daily lives to connect with each other and the Spirit of God. Feel free to invite along a friend!



When (or if) you read Ramblings last month there were a few questions. Did you know the answers?

The first one was when did we start having a church moderator? The answer is 1971. Bob Edwards was elected to that office. He served very well.

Another question-where is Lambo's trailer park? The answer-it is on West Lake Road. It was later called California Ranch and is now known as Honeoye Valley Mobile Home Park. Harold Barnard is one of the residents there.

Some of you remember the long road we took to be officially known as the United Church of Christ. I "lived" through that but until I reread some old minutes I had forgotten how important a name was to so many of the congregation.

The history goes back to 1931 when the Congregational England (1620) and the Christian (America) (1800's) united to form the Congregational Christian Church (½!). In 1934 the Reformed (Germany and others from the 1700's) and the Evangelical (Germany, 1840's) joined to become the Evangelical and Reformed Church (the other ½). In 1957 the two groups became the United Church of Christ.

A special meeting on June 28, 1965 was called to amend the church bylaws so that we would be known as the United Church of Christ (First Congregational Church.)

A spirited discussion followed. During the discussion it was brought out that WE voted for the merger but have only gone half way. Finally a motion was made by Ray McDonald, seconded by Leta Hayward (Harold's mother) and carried that we retain the name of the church as it is in the constitution- First Congregational Church (United Church of Christ).

Fast forward to the semi-annual church meeting in July 1970. The first item under the new business- Marian McClintock moved that we change our name to "United Church of Christ"; seconded by Ruth Huey. Several people asked, "why?" I am quoting the church minutes.

"We have been in merger for ten years and have gone as far as having it as a sub-heading; UCC is getting much better known as a name; all state and national organizations are following along; when you are in a church group it is hard to explain to other people why you have not adopted the name. Kay Nighan felt it unfair to join and not adopt the name; Elizabeth Sargent, Marian McClintock, Ginny DeNise and Ruth Roberts also spoke in favor of the motion.

Edith Badger (mother of Bill and Peter), Don West, Florence Worthington, Bob Edwards and Fred Tinker spoke of retaining the name of First Congregational. Some of their reasons-it is a very good name that has stood the test of time; it allows us to be flexible as an organization; all of the old records are in this name; people are sentimental about preserving old names.

There was a short break while Marian led us in prayer (also a time to "cool" and reflect.)

Don West asked for a paper ballot, Joe Koon and Guthrie Stone were appointed tellers. The vote was 25 in favor and 18 against; so we will now be known as the United Church of Christ. The trustees will see to registering our name with the county and Secretary of State: "because we are incorporated this is necessary."

Earl Sundeen worked with Mr. Henry (a lawyer) on the official name change. In November 1970 Earl announced that the name change is "now official." A new seal has been acquired and letters have been sent to the banks confirming the change; we also have new bank stamps; the sign in front of the church will be changed.

So that was the end of our name discussion. Long live the Honeoye U.C.C.!

Also in 1970 there were even longer discussions about the future of the parsonage. Stay tuned-that will be written about one of these days!



Youth Group

Our youth group continues to meet on Tuesday nights from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Kids and teens in grades five and up are encouraged to come and bring friends! We play games, enjoy a snack and small discussion and participate in team building exercises. It has been a great time of fun and fellowship!

Last month, we talked about priorities and choices. This month, we will be talking about our gifts. What does that even mean?! We'll be finding out! Everyone has at least one, and your teenage years are a great time to discover and develop the gifts God has given us.

Some notable events in March: Saturday March 25th from 9am-2pm, we will be working on a service project. The Board of Trustees has asked for our help in readying the downstairs room for the remodel. We'll find out more as the time comes closer as to ways in which we can help. Since we are meeting on March 25th, there will be no meeting on the following Tuesday, March 28th.

Otherwise, we will see you on Tuesday nights!



Welcoming new members is an exciting part of the life of any congregation. Whether you've been coming here for a month or ten years and a month, if you've been thinking about becoming a member of the congregation, now's the perfect time to do so. Please send an email to the church office indicating your interest in joining a new member "class" this spring. The process is painless and the result is a stronger congregation and a stronger Body of Christ. It's also another opportunity to have cake and celebrate!



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



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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 March 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. You can also find a menu at their website, www.co.ontario.ny.us.



BBR Church Women United March 3, 2017

The Church Women United will meet on Friday, March 3rd at 12:00noon at the Ionia Methodist Church. Parking is available across the road from the church-please use the side door for entry. Bring your own lunch; beverage and desert will be provided by the Ionia ladies.

A program entitled, "Celebrating Easter Monday" will be presented by the St. Peter's Episcopal ladies. A business meeting will be held following the program to: 1- decide a new name for our group; 2- discuss possible mission work to be done by our group; and 3- discuss any other business items relative to our operation.

Please bring one paper product with you when you come, to be distributed to a local Hospice home.



New York State Forest Owners Meeting Tuesday, March 28th at 7:30pm

The NYS FOA meets regularly; two of which will be held at the Honeoye United Church of Christ (March 28th and May 16). Anyone is welcome to join. Jim Engel of White Oak Nurseries will discuss how to **mitigate the impact from the loss of ash trees** in a woodlot. His technique is to use tree seed to diversify and establish ash seedlings. Light refreshments will be available.



The Honeoye Riders are at it again!

A group of bicyclist from Honeoye will be bicycling across the southern United States beginning March 1st and ending around May 2nd. One of the riders, Jim Kersting, has put together a blog for those who might want to follow the journey. [You can find the blog by clicking here.](#) Another way to get to the blog is go to the “Crazy Guy on a Bike” website and in the search box enter “Honeoye Riders Pedal the Southern Tier”.

This ride will be led by the Rev. Brian Krause, our former minister. He will be joined by Patti Saxby, her friend Jo, and Jim Kersting. They plan to ride the entire trip. Joining them will be Nathan Krause (who plans to ride to El Paso, Texas); Bob Bacon (chair of our Stewardship committee-he plans on joining the trip in Austin, Texas); and Linda Johnstone and Betsy Archibald, who plan on joining the riders as they pass through New Orleans, Louisiana.

Please join us in praying for a safe, fulfilling and fun journey for all of the riders!



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 in the former kitchen of the Honeoye UCC and relies on donations as well as 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. If you have a need, they will assist. The Food Pantry is open on alternate Saturday mornings from 9:00am-10:30am and relies on volunteers. In March, the pantry will be open on the 4th and the 18th. 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 honeyeyefoodpantry@gmail.com.

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  5-7p Spaghetti Supper 7p Ash Wednesday Svc	2 12p Senior Lunch	3 12p CWU Luncheon- Ionia UMC	4 9-10:30a Food Pantry 10a- Winter Retreat 6p-Dinner & a Movie
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