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

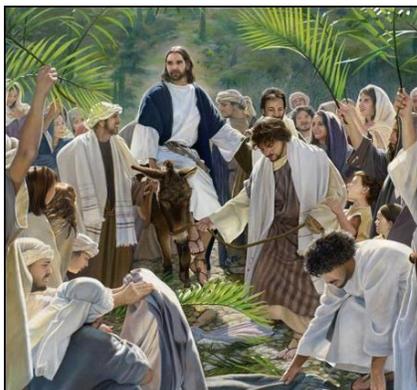


Members include: Jeff Brown (co-chair), Mike Baker (co-chair), Megan Apolito, Louise Holmes, Joni Nilsson, Kelly Roller, Beth Stowe, Bill Van Dusen and Karen Yax.

The PSC Committee received eight new profiles mid-March, making a total of 21 so far. Skype interviews with two candidates had to be postponed due to our recent snow storm. We plan to complete these two interviews by April 1st. Meanwhile, we will be sorting through the eight new applicants (20 pages each).



Spaghetti Dinner April 5th
 5:00pm-7:00pm
 A portion of the proceeds to benefit
Embrace Your Sisters



Palm Sunday Celebration
 On Sunday, April 9th, a very special guest will be joining us for Palm Sunday. The children (and adults) are invited to bring old towels – large and small – to be used in the celebration.

Sunday, April 9th at 10:00am
 Palm Sunday Service
Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm
 Maundy Thursday Service
Easter Sunday, April 16th
 Easter Sunrise Service at Sandy Bottom Park Pavilion, 7:30am
 Easter Breakfast at the church, 8:00am-9:00am
 Traditional Easter Service, 10:00am
More details on page 8



Philomena

You are welcome to join our monthly “Dinner & a Movie” on Saturday evening, April 1st. 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.

Philomena: In 1952, Irish teenager Philomena (Judi Dench) became pregnant out of wedlock and was sent to a convent. When her baby, Anthony, was a toddler, the nuns took Philomena's child away from her and put him up for adoption in the United States. For the next 50 years, she searched tirelessly for her son. When former BBC correspondent Martin Sixsmith (Steve Coogan) learns of the story, he becomes her ally. They travel together to America to find Anthony and become unexpectedly close in the process..

The next “Dinner & a Movie” is Saturday, May 6th. The films selected can range from current to classic and deal with all sorts of issues, and some are just for fun. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to a church event! If you have any suggestions for May’s movie choice you can contact Don at honeyfoodpantry@gmail.com.



Knitting Ministry
Will meet Sunday,
April 2nd in the
library following
worship.



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 April 24th, 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!



**“Green Wood vs. Dead Wood”
from the intentional interim minister,
Rev. James K. Boodley**

If you’ve ever seen the cross section of a tree, you’ve probably noticed the rings of wood which make up the log or stump in front of you. Perhaps you’ve counted those rings to estimate the tree’s age as each ring is an indicator of one year of growth in the life of the tree. When growing conditions were favorable, the tree grew quickly which resulted in a “fat” ring. When growing conditions weren’t favorable, the tree grew more slowly which resulted in a thinner ring. If you look at all of the rings, you can get a sense of when the tree had good and bad growing years. And if you count the rings backward from the outermost ring, you can even figure out when those years occurred.

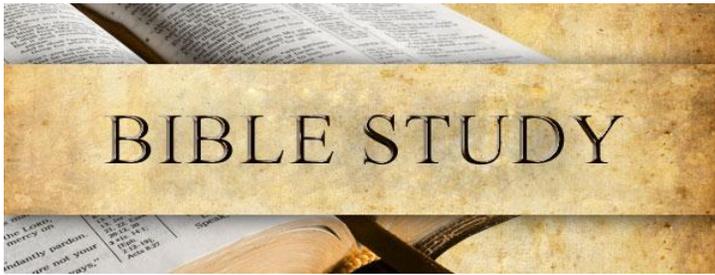
Something which isn’t as obvious when looking at a log is that nearly all of the wood is dead wood. The only living, growing part of a tree is a very thin layer of green wood just under the bark. Everything else that makes up a tree trunk is former green wood which has long since become the non-living interior of the tree. And while the interior wood isn’t alive, it provides the tree with the support it needs to stand upright.

The same could be said about the life of human organizations, including the life of a congregation. The people who come to worship on Sundays to sit in the pews, sing in the choir, participate in the Christian ed program, play music, or lead the service – as well as people who participate in other ways in the life of the church – are the green wood of the congregation. They are the living, growing part of the organization. Everything else which helps support the congregation – from the pews to the building itself – has a role much like dead wood in a tree by keeping everything upright and standing.

In a few weeks, we’ll be celebrating Easter, the resurrection of Jesus. A basic question we have as Christians isn’t “Do we believe it happened?” but “Do we accept its implications?” We take it on faith that Jesus rose from the dead. We can’t prove it. There’s no archival film footage of the cemetery that morning the women discovered the empty tomb, no independent accounts of Jesus’ conversations with his disciples after his death. We just get a few stories passed down the generations about both. We do, however, have the opportunity to decide how we’re going to live as Christians if we assume that he is alive – that he’s part of our living community of faith – that he’s part of the green wood and not the dead wood of the Church. It would be all too easy to look at the story of Jesus’ resurrection and conclude, “That’s history, not part of our lives today.” That would trivialize Easter and all of its implications for us a people of faith.

Jesus’ life and ministry *are* part of history. We can learn from both and incorporate their lessons into our lives thereby supporting our faith. The green wood of our faith, however, includes the idea that the Risen Christ through the Holy Spirit joins us in actively loving God and humanity, continues to challenge us to grow as individuals and as a community of faith. In doing so, not only are we helping the Body of Christ stay vibrant and healthy, we’re adding our “growth ring” to Kingdom of God. Let’s work to ensure that the growth ring we add is a thick one, not a sickly thin one.

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!

April 2

Ezek 37:1-14
Ps 130
Rom 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

April 16 Easter

Acts 10:34-43 or
Jer 31:1-6
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24
Col 3:1-4 or Acts
10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matt
28:1-10

April 9

Matt 21:1-11
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
Isa 50:4-9a
Ps 31:9-16
Phil 2:5-11

April 23

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Ps 16
1 Pet 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 30

Acts 2:14a,36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Pete 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35



- 1 Heather Roller
- 2 Ruth Roberts*
- 3 Kristin Passer
- 5 Cathy Pestle
- 7 Mary Jo Watson
- 9 Frank Smith
- 12 Dale Englehardt*
- 13 Noah Passer
- 15 Richard VanAmburg, Beth Wilkins
- 16 Ken Hodgeman, Chuck Kennerson
- 17 Andrea Badger, Dan Hall
- 18 Laura Bower
- 19 Clark Affolter, Janet Arnold
- 20 Kathleen Whiting
- 21 Shawn Tompkins
- 22 Jason Beers, Karen Hodgeman
- 25 Gerry Barnard*, Shannon Ewing
- 26 Becky Bower
- 28 Richard Folwell*

(* 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.)

Visitation Committee

Even though snow may have slowed some of us a bit, we continue to be supportive to our "special friends." We're making phone calls, visiting, sending cards, and supporting people.

We welcome you to join the support to our community of people with needs for varied communication, support and prayers. The prayer chain continues its prayer requests. We have new and continued prayer needs. Helen can include each interested person in the Prayer Chain by sending her an e-mail: helmarc45@gmail.com.

The Visitation Committee invites you to participate in the visiting group. Respectfully,
Carol, for Louise & Carol



With the arrival of April, we turn our attention to Easter. It is hard to believe that spring is just around the corner!

It is also time to start thinking about Youth Sunday, scheduled for May 14th. With all the activities that spring brings, it was difficult to find a Sunday that all the youth would be available. It turned out that Mother's Day seemed to be workable for most of the families. If for some reason this day does not work for your family please let me know right away. Our goal is to have as many youth as possible join in the end of year fun. For now, let's look forward to April and the joyful celebration of the resurrection of Jesus.

Sunday School Lessons in April

April 2nd: We will explore the events of Palm Sunday. This will ensure we have a clear understanding of the significance of the day when we celebrate Palm Sunday on April 9th.

April 9th: We will prepare for Easter as we learn about the crucifixion and the empty tomb.

April 16th: Happy Easter! There will be no Sunday school classes or nursery care. This is an important celebration that our church family will want to share together.

April 30th: We will begin reviewing and preparing for the Youth Sunday program that will be presented on May 14th.



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!

We've been talking about our gifts and will continue learning about them and finding ways to share with others the gifts that God has given us.

We will also begin working on an on-going service project: starting a raised garden to grow food to donate to local food pantries and the House of Mercy, a homeless shelter in Rochester. This will be a great opportunity to work together and learn about how we can make the world a better place! We will be discussing fund raising ideas, putting together a proposal to the trustees for use of the space and then implementing the plans from building the beds to planting and harvesting the produce.

For more information, please see Greg Badger or Cydney Hess. See you Tuesday!



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.

5 It's also another opportunity to have cake and celebrate!



From the Board of Christian Education

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the Winter Retreat and everyone who made the day such a success! On a very cold and wintry March 4th the warmth of fellowship and the Wilson Lodge fireplace at Ontario County Park kept us warm. The retreat is a great chance for multigenerational interaction. Outside we sledged, hiked, went geocaching, laughed, and enjoyed creating snow-slides on the playground. Inside we played minute to win-it games, who would have guessed that sorting candy would be the hit of the day! “Can we play again?” We played board games, sat by the fire, and shared a delicious meal together. J.K. lead us through a prayer activity and we all came away helping to fulfill each other’s prayer requests during lent. The winter retreat is a great time to experience the beauty of the earth and the very special spirit that makes up this church family. Thanks for sharing your smiles, laughter, time, talents and the joy of the Holy Spirit expressed in so many ways.





Captain Peter Pitts two elder sons came from Dighton, MA in May 1789 and purchased about 3,000 acres of land at the foot of Honeoye Lake. This included the Indian village of Hone-ya-ye. The rest of the family came in 1790. Captain Pitts was married to Abigail Richmond. That is where the name "Richmond" for our town comes from. The couple had ten children. There are still many descendants living here.

Whether you date our UCC church from when the meetings were held at the Pitts home-or-from 1854 when the 2nd congregational church was organized and met in a small 16'x24' house across from the present church building or from 1861 when the present 36'x60' edifice was built-this church has always remained open. The names of many old families have been on its membership rolls for years. Today I am pretty sure that there are five families who have had active members in each generation from the very beginning. They are the Blackmer, Hayward, Drain, Reed and Barnard families.

This month I would like to introduce you to our star descendant. This little boy has already set a record that may be matched but stands little chance of being surpassed.

Grayson Brandow, son of Megan and Kelsey Brandow was born June 1, 2016.

Are you ready for this?

Through his maternal grandparents, Peter and Margot Badger, he has direct ties to the early settlers through three of those five families.

Let's start with the Blackmer family.

Levi Blackmer came to this area in 1795 from Massachusetts. Hannah Pitts (daughter of Captain Peter) married Levi Blackmer. Harvey Blackmer married Elizabeth Hayes. Myron Blackmer married Hattie Pennell. Thomas Blackmer married Caroline Reed. Wells Blackmer married Onnolee DeGraff. Edith Blackmer married Tom Badger. Peter Badger married Margot Hayward. Megan Badger married Kelsey Brandow. Grayson Brandow was born!!!

That does it for Grayson on the Blackmer family tree.

If you read that carefully you noticed the name Reed. Philip Reed from Vermont Iso came here in 1795. Philip Reed married Margaret Fitch. William Reed married Amelia Palmer. Charles Reed

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That does it for the Reed family.

Before I "leave" the Reeds I want to digress to another branch of that family still very active in our church life. (I'm repeating four generations.)

Philip Reed married Margaret Fitch. William Reed married Amelia Palmer. Charles Reed married Amelia Wells. Thomas Blackmer married Caroline Reed. Caroline Blackmer married Everett Affolter. Mary Affolter married Ernie Pestle. Scott Pestle married Cathy Potter. Lindsay, Taylor and Kali were born.

Now we can move to family number three for Grayson-the Drain family.

William Drain-"a newcomer" came to this area from Ireland in 1865. Elizabeth Drain married Ray Bentley. Leta Bentley married Aubrey Hayward. Harold Hayward married Margaret Green. Margot Hayward married Peter Badger. Badger married Kelsey Brandow. Grayson Brandow was born!!!

How about that Richmond heritage for one little boy?

On to family number five-the Barnards.

Chauncey Barnard came from Massachusetts in 1806. Chauncey Barnard married Nancy Pitts. Peter Pitts Barnard married Fannie Reed. Fitch Barnard married Sarah Jerome. Solon H. Barnard married Mabel DeGulyer. Ralph Barnard married Geraldine Beam. Solon B. Barnard married Donna Janish. Melissa, Julia and Lydia were born.

Before I leave the Barnards I have to add this important bit of information. Howard's middle name was Fitch-the last name of Philip Reed's wife.

I don't know how far back I may have lost you but if you read all of those names I am sure you are as tired as I am!

Important point to remember-our church motto states that "All are welcome here" and that means you are as important part of our congregation if you have just joined us lately as all of these "old" ones are.

Time for a long nap!



Holy Week Services

Our **Palm Sunday** service on April 9th at 10:00am will feature a special guest. Children (and adults) are encouraged to bring an old towel-large or small-to be used in the celebration.

The **Maundy Thursday** service will be held on the evening of April 13th at 7:00pm. This is a short service commemorating the events at the Last Supper.

On **Easter Sunday**, we will have a sunrise service at the Sandy Bottom Park pavilion, located off of West Lake Road in Honeoye. The service will start at 7:30 in the morning. Since the temperatures might be lower than desired, please plan on dressing warmly and/or bringing a blanket as needed.

When the service has ended (around 8:00am) we will return to the church for an Easter breakfast provided by the Board of Community Life. Breakfast will be served from 8:00-9:00am.

At 10:00, we will celebrate Easter at our traditional Sunday worship in the sanctuary. We look forward to celebrating our risen savior together!



Socks for Salem

In March, a couple of our church members went to Salem UCC to help serve the lunchtime meal. One returned with the story of how a homeless man was looking for socks and since they had run out of socks to give, a volunteer from the program took hers off to give to him. He was grateful to have them, and the volunteer was grateful to walk around with bare ankles if it meant providing for someone in need.

This month, you'll notice sock boxes in the sanctuary and dining hall. We will be collecting new socks for Salem UCC. Many of us are aware of the lunchtime meal program serving the homeless population of Rochester, however the fourth Monday of the month is also a time for the homeless population to stock up on clothing as well.

Please consider donating a package of socks to Salem. They can be mens, womens or childrens. The box of socks will be taken to Salem UCC to be distributed on April 24th. Thank you!

A green card with a white dotted border and floral patterns in shades of pink and purple. The text is in white and black.

Help!!!
We all get to enjoy the flower beds in front of the fellowship hall, but it's time for a new chief to step in and take the reins! I have enjoyed doing it for many, many years but my knees and hips are screaming, "no more, Ellie!"

Wanted:
A new Flower Power Person (or people). Please see Ellie if you have any questions, or if you'd like to volunteer!

Thank you,
Ellie Jordan



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 April 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.



HONEOYE
Community
FOOD PANTRY

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 honeyefoodpantry@gmail.com.



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!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9-10:30a Food Pantry 6p-Dinner & a Movie
2 10a Worship 8:30a Choir 9:00a Children's Choir 11a Knitting Ministry Blue Jean Sunday	3	4 10a Bible Study 12p Senior Lunch 6:30p Bells 6:30p Youth Group	5 Spaghetti Supper 5-7	6 12p Senior Lunch	7	8
9 Palm Sunday 10a Worship 8:30a Choir 9a Children's Choir	10	11 10a Bible Study 12p Senior Lunch 6:30p Bells 6:30p Youth Group	12	13 12p Senior Lunch	14 Newsletter DEADLINE	15 9-10:30a Food Pantry
16 Easter Sunday 7:30a Sunrise Svc 8:00a-9:00a Bkfst 10a Worship	17	18 10a Bible Study 12p Senior Lunch 6:30p Bells 6:30p Youth Group	19	20 12p Senior Lunch	21	22
23 10a Worship 8:30a Choir 9a Children's Choir 30	24 9a Serving at Salem	25 10a Bible Study 12p Senior Lunch 6:30p Bells	26	27 12p Senior Lunch	28	29 9-10:30a Food Pantry