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



### **"The Whole Enchilada"** by Pastor Ken McIntosh

I am excited about the coming weeks—moving to Honeoye and beginning my new life as your pastor. At this moment, there are piles of boxes, and lots of little things to wrap up, both literally and figuratively. Yet this is also a good time to think about the big picture ahead. What will it mean for you, and for me, that I am your pastor?

The desire of my heart for our future together is a wish voiced by Saint Paul, in his letter to the Galatians, "...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Gal. 4:13, NIV) "*The fullness of Christ...*" as far as Saint Paul is concerned, that is the whole spiritual enchilada!

It's good to have *big* goals! And that really is a big goal. It's a project that won't be completed until we enter Glory. Yet, this is what I desire for myself and for all of the people in my congregation. Because that is the very finest thing that can happen...for you, for

me, for our families, for our children, for our neighbors, for Honeoye, for New York...for the entire planet. Jesus isn't just compassionate...Jesus *is* compassion, pure love. Don't you want that to describe you?

In this life, none of us are going to hit that 100%. I won't live among you perfectly (though I wish that I could) and you'll likely reciprocate that imperfection. The good news is that our growth in Christ-likeness isn't up to us. God's Spirit is already working among you. We'll learn, forgive one another, and continue making progress.

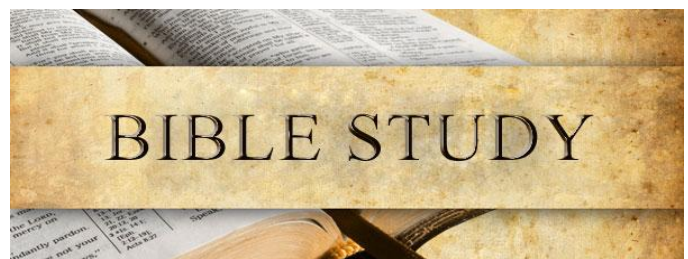
The Spirit worked powerfully through your previous pastors, and that is so apparent in all the wonderful things happening in your church and in your lives! I am trusting Spirit to work as the catalyst connecting us in the near future, as I begin serving in your midst.

I will be focusing my first months on getting to know each of you. I will see you in formal and informal occasions, in services, classes, at events, at the local dining spots and...who knows where? Please don't be offended if I have to ask your name multiple times, and understand that I'm trying to remember! And...I'm going to assume that God is working in all of our times together, mysteriously and wonderfully drawing you and me into "*the fullness of Christ.*"

--Peace and Grace to you, my new church family,  
Ken



- 2 Eric Walter
- 5 Margot Badger
- 7 Doug Kraft
- 9 Harold Barnard, Sue Tagg
- 10 Jane Affolter
- 11 Cameron Wohlschlegel
- 14 Victoria Gamrod
- 15 Maddy Brown
- 19 Mike Pellittiere
- 23 Rita Nilsson
- 24 Wyatt Brown, Bill Van Dusen
- 25 Chris Jackson
- 27 Mark Stevens
- 29 Amanda Krause Robertson
- 31 Kyle Meek



The Bible study group will be taking the summer off, resuming in September. Copies of "The Upper Room" devotional guide are available at the church, as well as an extensive church library offering texts for individual reading and independent study.



### Serving at Salem

On the fourth Monday of 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. The summer months provide a great time for high school age children to see what the Salem UCC's lunch ministry provides. On July 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### UCC Sunday School Car Wash!

The Sunday School will be putting on a car wash August 26th from 9:00 to 12:00 in the church parking lot. The proceeds of this service project will be donated to the Heifer Project. The buckets of soap and hoses will be ready, so bring your dirty vehicles and put us to work.



### Visitation Committee

We are always impressed by the requests for prayers heard at each Sunday worship. Folks asking for prayers are assuming we are listening and will honor their requests not just at that moment, but will also continue as we go about our daily lives. We would like to add requests for prayers for all those members and friends that the committee calls on. Being "house-bound" is extremely difficult, discouraging, and depressing for most people, especially in a long-term situation. The needs are great and sometimes all we can offer is a smile, a hug, and a prayer. How wonderful if those we visit knew that our congregation was praying for them on a regular basis! Prayer can give them hope and lift their spirits. A person's name is not necessary for prayers to be said for them. Please consider "intentional" prayers for all the members and friends who are unable to be an active part of our congregation. Thank you. Louise Holmes and Carol VanDusen.



**Bell Choir, Children's Choir and the Adult Choir** are all on summer hiatus! Thank you for a great year of making beautiful music!

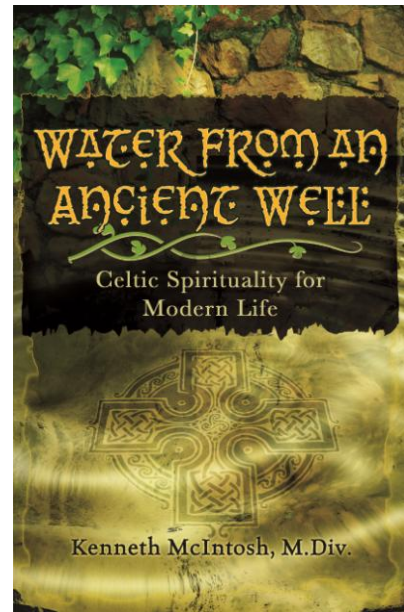


## Vacation Bible School Sundays have begun!

Our theme this year revolves around the Heifer Project, how animals help sustain communities world-wide and taking care of God's creatures. Each Sunday children have a chance to learn a thematic Bible passage, participate in crafts, songs, games and we have a special guest goat coming to visit on Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. The VBS program is also sponsoring a church-wide fundraiser for Heifer this summer. If you would like to contribute you can either donate cash or a check made out to Honeoye UCC with a note that the donation is for the VBS Heifer fundraiser. VBS runs from 9:00-11:00 on July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>. If you know of a child that would like to attend please let Sara Tompkins know. On alternate Sundays the children will be watching the movie *The Lorax* culminating with a discussion lead by Nate Yax on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, discussing his recent trip to Africa. What a wonderful summer to share the beauty of God's creation with our youth!

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

Adult Christian Education is gearing up for a series of gatherings starting in mid to late September based on the book *Water from an Ancient Well: Celtic Spirituality for Modern Life* written by our new Pastor, the Reverend Kenneth McIntosh. Dates and times will be determined by mid-August but for now, please share this information with anyone that you feel might be interested in attending.



## ***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: Spiritual Romance, 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, but the book is not necessary to benefit from the gatherings.



## **To Sale or not to Sale? – That is the Question**

For those who have volunteered for the Church Sale (whether it be rummage, tag, or treasure) over the last few years it will come as no surprise that traffic at the sale, revenue and the number of people who can commit to being fully active volunteers have all steadily decreased over time. In addition, the amount of “left-overs” has increased (including 45 boxes of clothing left over from the Spring Sale).

**At this point there is no one to lead the sale committee.**

**This has brought us to the question “To Sale, or not to Sale?”**

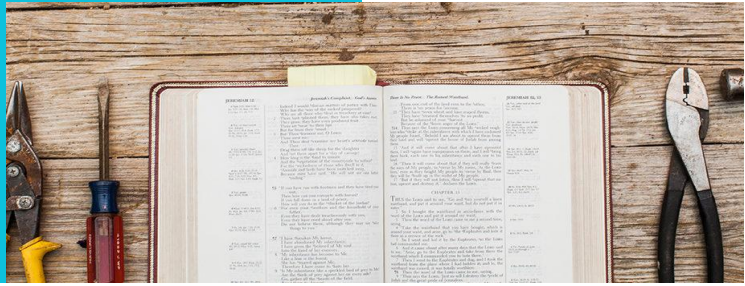
If the sale is to continue it must have more volunteers, perhaps be reduced to one sale per year, consider changing pricing format, perhaps think about how to accept antiques and price accordingly. However, it may be time to think about new fund raising activities and opportunities as the sale market seems a bit saturated at this time.

During a brief discussion at our June Church Council meeting a few ideas that were suggested include trying to capitalize on the amount of people who come to the Turkey Dinner. Could we have a silent auction and/or services for hire in the library the night of the Turkey Dinner? There are many other fund raising ideas to consider but all of them require volunteer coordinators, time, talent, passion and commitment.

**Are you ready and willing to work on developing a new fund raiser for the Church or become the new sale Chairperson?**

**Please contact David Makepeace (Council) or Bob Bacon (Stewardship).**

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES



In anticipation for the arrival of Ken and Marsha there has been a lot going on in the parsonage. Contractors are lined up, material ordered, volunteers in place and lots and lots of lists. Below is a quick update on progress to date:

## Painting:

- Jim Ruppert and volunteers will be painting the inside of the kitchen cabinets/drawers the week of 7/17 so the contractor can start the downstairs.
- Contractor will be starting the downstairs first and finish by end of July. This will allow the flooring contractor to begin.
- Finish painting upstairs rooms/floors no later than mid-August.

## Flooring:

- Flooring contractor will start immediately after first floor painting is completed. Will include refinishing living room and installing the new flooring in the entry way and dining room.

## Other Parsonage:

- Dishwasher ordered and will be installed by the end of July.
- Gutters cleaned and repaired.
- Deck cleaning will be done when all painting is finished.
- Big thanks to the Roller family for working on the gardens.

The trustees will continue to status the parsonage progress during Sunday service. If anyone has any questions please feel free to ask any one of the trustees.

Thanks-  
Bill and Jim



## Join us as we welcome Pastor Ken and Marsha with a Corn Roast!

On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, join us after church for a corn roast provided by the Board of Community Life! Watch the bulletins or email the office at [honeyeucc@gmail.com](mailto:honeyeucc@gmail.com) for more details. Hope to see you there!



I am tired of being-and thinking “old” so this month I am going back just a few years. I’m sure they will ring a bell in most of your memories-but-will you remember which year? Here we go---

“Meals on Wheels” for shut-ins was very active. Some of the UCC volunteers were Ned and Louise (almost every month); Donna; Lillian; Kerry; Kathy and Andrea. A big thank you to them. (I know someone on Barnard Road who might like having it re-established in the future.)

At the June Council meeting the Christian Education Committee proposed the church pursue becoming an “open and affirming” congregation. We did it.

UCC now has a website.

In July, Molly Baker (Mike and Debbie’s daughter) shared her experiences as a Peace Corp volunteer in Morocco for 16 months.

Three “almost pot luck” dinners were held during Lent. They were followed by a discussion.

Money for the telephone ministry equipment (\$2,960) came from the Memorial Fund. Five lines are available for use any time the church sound system is turned on. Listening to the church service, weddings, etc. is easily available. Donations of \$120 are willingly accepted to maintain it each month. Then the number was 229-5022. What is it now? (Editor’s note: the number is 585-371-8110.)

11 people from Honeoye SURPRISED Marcus at his ordination in Emmerichenham, Germany. Can you name them? Was one of them you? Ruth helped arrange the surprise (listed at end.)

Lizz VanAmburg took a break from February to July to “welcome” a new kidney and pancreas. We were happy to have her back in the office. Angela Crawford was her replacement.

We had said a tearful goodbye to Marcus and Ruth as they left for Germany but welcomed back a revigorated, rested Brian.

Men’s discussion groups were held Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:15 for coffee and ???

Spring Rummage Sale was held May 13 and 14, coordinated by Nancy Apolito and Cindy Smith.

The church is looking for a supervisor for the nursery on Sundays. (On a 2017 note, welcome Megan!)

Beth Hughes was serving as Christian Ed director.

Renee and Tom Thornton were “head over heels” involved in the Food Pantry. In September \$25 gift cards were given for new shoes for children. As a first grade teacher I well remember how excited the children were to be able to have new shoes for opening day. I also remember how sad I was for many of them when the “newness” of the shoes wore off too quickly. The old saying “you get what you pay for” really applies to shoes.

In October, November and December a communion service at 1:30pm on the first Sunday of the month was being planned.

In October, “Dinner and a Movie” was starting it’s sixth season on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The movie was “Reach for Me.” It explored the age old quandary of how we greet our final days.

A community wide mission goal was 11.1.11-11.11.11. Translated this means 11,111 individual items of food in our church by 11-11-11 (oops!)

May emails were lost due to a computer crash. (I think that is what a computer does best-crashes!)

Pleas were made to Adopt-A-Family for Thanksgiving dinner. Recommended items: Frozen Turkey (12-15 pounds); five pound bag of potatoes; stuffing mix; gravy (one or two cans/jars); canned vegetables (two or more); dinner rolls; cranberry sauce/jelly; yams/squash (or both!); frozen pies (or two!); and your imagination and TLC.

I remember being in the store when the Tompkins family was doing their Food Pantry dinner shopping. Natalie (how old then?) picked up something-not on the list-and said to her mother, “I would be happy to have that for a dinner.”

On that the ramblings for this month will close. Of course the year was 2011 (I gave it away in the 11-1-11/11-11-11 item.)

The people who surprised Marcus were Carol and Jeff Brown; Ned and Louise Holmes; Joni and Peter Nilsson; Bill and Bev Badger; Don and Nancy Pease and Dick Folwell.

An added note-

The glamorous PIG presented by Helen Johnson’s class to me for the Food Pantry on Youth Sunday contained:

\$15- One dollar bills

8 quarters

.90 cents in dimes

.25 cents in nickels

.13 cents in pennies

For a total of \$24.28.

Thank you boys and girls, and Mrs. Johnson!

This is really it!



connecting with  
community



senior nutrition

### **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 August, the pantry will be open on the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:honeyefoodpantry@gmail.com).

### **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 August 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](http://www.co.ontario.ny.us).

AN Oldie  
BUT  
A Goodie!

The **Honeoye Area Seniors Group** meets on Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> following the senior meal at the Honeoye UCC in the dining hall. Anyone over 50 is welcome to attend!



2017

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

		1 12p Sr. Lunch	2 Spaghetti Supper 5p-7p	3 12p Sr. Lunch	4	5
6 <b>10:00 Worship</b> J.K.'s Farewell Reception 11am	7	8 12p Sr. Lunch	9	10 12p Sr. Lunch <b>1:45p-7p Blood Drive</b>	11	12 9-10:30 Pantry
13 <b>10:00 Worship</b> Lay Preacher: Beth Stowe	14	15 12p Sr. Lunch	16	17 12p Sr. Lunch	18	19
20 <b>10:00 Worship</b> Lay Preacher: Cydney Hess	21	22 12p Sr. Lunch	23	24 12p Sr. Lunch	25	26 9-10:30 Pantry
27 <b>10:00 Worship</b> Pastor Ken's First Sunday <b>11:00 Corn Roast</b>	28	29 12p Sr. Lunch	30	31 12p Sr. Lunch		