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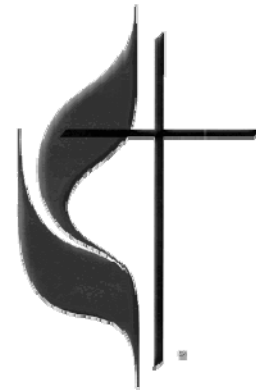
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September-  
October 2009

# The Faithful Leader



*FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK*

### *Sunday Schedule:*

*Christian  
Education  
9:00 am*

*Worship  
10:00 am*

*Child care  
available*

***ONE LORD,  
ONE LOVE,  
ONE CALL,***

***SERVING  
GOD WITH  
OUR  
ALL***

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Although the temperature today made it into the 90's, we've not had a lot of genuine "summer" weather this year. And autumn is just around the corner!

Nevertheless, I do look forward to the rich autumn colors, baseball pennant races coming down the stretch, football starting, leaves falling—and our Christian Education program being in full swing again! We have a very adaptable curriculum for children called "One Room Sunday School," which promises to engage children of all ages in experiencing God's love in Jesus Christ. Our adult Bible study, ably lead by Dick Davidson, will focus on the Book of Isaiah, complete with all the poetic highs and lows that great Hebrew prophet offers.

On Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, Faith UMC kicks off a 13-week Financial Peace University (FPU) course taught via DVD by New York Times best-selling author, financial planner and stewardship educator Dave Ramsey. FPU promises to be a life-changing event for anyone who participates in it. With biblically based teaching, lots of humor and humility, Dave Ramsey offers a no-nonsense, common-sense approach to financial stability. Call the church office and check out our weekly bulletins for enrollment information. But hurry! FPU starts soon. I'm really excited about it—it's so relevant to our times, so practical and such solid Christian stewardship education! Don't miss out!

Expecting God's blessings to you,

Pastor Tom



**Church-wide Open House and Fair  
September 13th**

The NOW Committee is sponsoring another outreach event which combines our regular family night with a church-wide open house and fair starting at 4 p.m. on September 13th. Here are the details:

4 p.m. The open house/church fair begins with:

- \* Displays by various church groups: UMM, UMW, the young adult group, and any other group that wants to participate.
- \* Displays by groups that have a meeting here, such as Scouts and Go and Grow Preschool
- \* Tours of the building

5 p.m.: A potluck dinner furnished by parishioners. We ask that you bring a larger portion of food than you would for a church-only potluck

6 p.m.: Game night/movie for all: We'll bring board games as we have in the past—Scrabble, Pictionary, Apples to Apples, etc. At the same time we'll show a family-friendly movie in the sanctuary.

We'll end in time for folks to get young children to bed.

Please come, and bring a friend!

# Handbells



Our handbell choir, under the direction of Gloria Werblow, resumes on September 17th. No experience is necessary—it's easy, fun, and all are welcome. Take a look at what some of our current members are saying about their experience:

“When Beverly approached me in the spring about joining handbells, I jumped at the chance. I have always loved hearing the bells being played as it had added so much to the worship service. However, I had never learned to read music as a youngster so I was a little hesitant to try. Gloria, our handbell director, assured me that as long as I could count to four that was all that was required, and she was right. Our small but dedicated group of “ringers” always has a lot of fun and laughs learning the music. It is a great way to spend an hour and join in fellowship with others. Perhaps now I might try my hand at learning to play the piano or guitar.”  
— Donald Tubbs

“Joining the handbell choir was something that I always wanted to do, but never thought I had the time for. I remember when the bells were purchased and I wish I hadn't waited so long to take the step to join in the fun. It's so enjoyable to learn something new. It also takes me back to being in the high school band with everyone working together to create music. I hope others don't hesitate to join as I did. Come on and join us, let's make some music.”

— Judy Cavagnaro

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Church Growth/Rethink Church seminars, Pendleton Center UMC	2	3
4 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> Christian Education 9 AM Worship and Holy Communion 10 AM	5 Financial Peace University, 5:30 PM	6 Lectionary Lessons 10 AM	7 Christian Education 10 AM  Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	8 Handbells, 7 PM	9	10
11 Christian Education 9 AM Holy Communion in the Atrium 9:30 AM Worship 10 AM	12 <b>Columbus Day</b>  Financial Peace University, 5:30 PM	13 Lectionary Lessons 10 AM	14 Christian Education 10 AM  Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	15 OK Club Breakfast, 9 AM  Handbells, 7 PM	16	17
18 <b>Laity Sunday</b> Christian Education 9 AM Holy Communion in the Atrium 9:30 AM Worship 10 AM	19 Financial Peace University, 5:30 PM	20 Lectionary Lessons 10 AM	21 Christian Education 10 AM  Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	22 OK Club, Denny's, 9 AM  Handbells, 7 PM	23	24
25 <b>Reformation Sunday</b> Christian Education 9 AM Holy Communion in the Atrium 9:30 AM Worship 10 AM	26 Financial Peace University, 5:30 PM	27 Lectionary Lessons 10 AM	28 Christian Education 10 AM  Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	29 Handbells, 7 PM	30	31 Halloween!

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Church office hours: Tuesday—Friday 9:00am—12:00pm**

# SEPTEMBER 2009 SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM

## FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Nominations Committee 7 PM	2	3	4	5
6 Christian Education 9 AM Worship and Holy Communion 10 AM	7 <b>Labor Day— office closed</b>	8 Nominations Committee 7 PM	9 Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	10 <b>Charge Conference 7 PM</b>	11	12
13 Christian Education 9 AM Holy Communion in the Atrium 9:30 AM Worship 10 AM	14 Bazaar work day 10 AM—2 PM  Financial Peace University, 5:30 PM	15 Lectionary Lessons 10 AM	16 Christian Education 10 AM  Choir Rehearsal 7 PM	17 OK Club at Dutch Mill, 9 AM  Handbells, 7 PM	18	19
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## LIFE AROUND FAITH

### OK CLUB

If you like to eat and chat, join the OK Club for breakfast at 9 a.m. on the third Thursday of every month. Here are the details of our upcoming meetings:

- \* On September 17th we'll meet at the Dutch Mill Restaurant on Broadway.
- \* On October 15th, join us at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant on Transit Rd.

Please sign up on the Pillar of Faith so that restaurants can be given a number planning to attend.



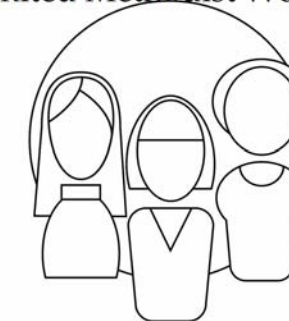
Our church is in need of a membership secretary—someone who, according to the 2008 UMC Book of Discipline, “shall keep accurate records of the [church’s] membership and shall report at least annually to the church council. This translates into handling a variety of tasks on an as-needed basis, such as:

- \* Entering information into our membership records
- \* Writing letters of transfer
- \* Helping to maintain an accurate mailing list for the newsletter and the church directory.

If you're interested, or know someone who is, contact Gary Gorski or Pastor Tom.

## LIFE AROUND FAITH

### United Methodist Women



Ladies of the church, please join us at our monthly meetings. Here's a bit about upcoming programs at Faith and throughout the district:

### SEPTEMBER

9/15, 6 p.m., Faith UMC: Ethnic potluck supper, hosted by Jean Kipp and Irene Johncox. Please bring your table setting and your favorite ethnic dish to share. Dessert and beverage will be provided.

9/26, 9:30 a.m., Kenmore United Methodist Church: District Annual Meeting. Rev. Ken Snyder will speak on the theme, “Who’s at the Table?” The lunch costs \$8. If you'd like to attend, please contact Loretta Schneller by September 10th.

As a special donation, please bring some or all of the following items:

- \* Toothbrush and medium-sized toothpaste
- \* Deodorant
- \* Lip balm
- \* Bar of soap
- \* Medium-sized hair brush
- \* Small bottle of hand sanitizer
- \* Medium-sized shampoo and conditioner

These items are being given to women receiving treatment at the Veteran's Hospital.

### OCTOBER

10/20, 10 a.m., Faith United Methodist Church. Program on Native American Mission Study, presented by Beverly Davies, and hosted by Kay Andres and Pat Keller. Please bring a sandwich. We'll provide a beverage and dessert.

## LIFE AROUND FAITH



### Fellowship Hour Coordinator

The NOW Committee is looking for someone to coordinate the fellowship hour that follows our 10 a.m. church service. You don't have to do the work yourself—just make sure we have:

- \* Someone to prepare coffee and a snack every Sunday, and
- \* The necessary supplies: coffee, condiments, cups, napkins, etc.

If you're interested, please contact someone on the NOW committee. Thanks!

## LIFE AROUND FAITH

### TOGETHER WE SERVE

The Hymn quoted below, which was sung by the choir on August 9<sup>th</sup>, is a wonderful statement of what a Christian congregation ought to be. It is my prayer for Faith UMC that we will live up to these lyrics in every way. — Dick Johnson

#### Together we Serve

By Daniel Charles Damon

Together we serve, united by love,  
inviting God's world to the glorious feast.  
We work and we pray through sorrow and joy,  
extending your love to the last and the least.

We seek to become a beacon of hope,  
a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.  
We learn year by year, to let love shine through  
until we see Christ in each person we meet.

We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor,  
the busy, the lonely, and all who need care.  
We offer a home to those who will come,  
our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

Together by grace, we witness and work,  
Remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong.  
Together we serve in spirit and truth,  
remembering love is the strength of our song.

## BUSINESS

### Treasurer's Report, July 2009

Total Income: \$ 8,680.24  
 Total Expenses: 10,144.81

Total shared ministries paid to date are \$7,324.36 compared to last year at this time, which was \$3,703.86.

Summer continued to be a struggle, but I'm sure as September comes around things will pick up again.

Submitted by

Marsha Haas, Treasurer



The Rummage Sale held on August 7th and 8th did a booming business, adding just over \$1,000 to Faith UMC's treasury.

Thanks so much to all who helped with sorting, pricing, setup, staffing and kitchen duty. Great work!



## Altar Flowers

### SEPTEMBER

6th: Available  
 13th: Hamric  
 20th: Kipp  
 27th: Keller

### OCTOBER

4th: Dunbar  
 11th: Stephens  
 18th: Kreiger  
 25th: Lewis



### BLESSING OF Animals

Our second annual Blessing of the Animals service will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 4th, 2009.

Bring all your critters, and invite neighbors and friends.

Stay tuned for details!

The Holiday Bazaar is coming up on November 6th and 7th. Please start thinking about what you can contribute.

- \* We are in need of glass quart-sized and pint-sized jars.
- \* Does anyone have handmade afghans or quilts?
- \* Do we have any woodworkers around?

Mollie would love to hear from you to discuss how your talents might fit our needs. Call her at 684-1967.

And don't forget: there's a bazaar work day on September 14th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please join us!





# MISSIONS CORNER

## Meeting for Mission Connections with Haiti

A meeting for congregations and people interested in mission projects with Haiti will be held on Saturday, September 19th, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Cortland United Methodist Church, 6734 Route 222, Cortland, NY. Cortland UMC is a collection site for UMCOR kits and flood buckets, so please bring these items from your church. The cost for the meeting is \$10. You can register by contacting Rev. Jeff Childs at revchilds@hotmail.com, or by calling him at (716) 773-3322.

## Conference Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Team Expects Changes, Schedules Meeting

While the VIM Committee has been dormant for some time, Western New York Disaster Response Coordinator Rev. Carl Chamberlain anticipates several changes beginning in 2010:

- \* Disaster Response and VIM programs will be more active in our new Conference area than they were in either of our smaller Conferences. Upstate New York has a federally declared disaster nearly every year, though not as often in our smaller Conferences.
- \* Volunteers will be requested within our new Conference more frequently than any of us have experienced.
- \* Large numbers of churches and volunteers will be asking our new Conference for assistance in planning mission trips. It would be nice to have some help in place.

Mission Central, Sager Brown, Redbird Missionary Conference, and Henderson Settlement are all familiar names. But how

about Scott's Settlement? Johns Island? The Neighborhood Center? These are all United Methodist mission programs supported by the Advance, and they are accepting volunteer groups. In fact, UM missionaries have come into our area to work at Asbury Shalom Zone, Seneca Street UMC, our summer camps, and to housing rehab work camps in Lockport and Niagara Falls.

Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) are the newest formal disaster workers in the Methodist family of volunteers. Conference UMCOR/UMVIM leaders have held two formal volunteer trainings. FEMA has changed their protocols for volunteer groups in the early stages of disaster response. ERTs will be the only UM volunteer group allowed into natural disaster areas in the first days of a response.

The Volunteers in Mission (VIM) Committee invites anyone interested in missions to join them at Batavia United Methodist Church on September 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

## LIFE AROUND FAITH



The Scholarship Committee has presented two awards to college students at Faith United Methodist Church:

This year's Teague Scholarship winner is Matt Jeungel. Matt graduated from Fillmore High School and will attend the University of Buffalo, where he'll study mechanical engineering. The Teague Scholarship was created in 1996 in memory of Rev. Louis and Bernice Teague. Rev. Teague was pastor of what was then First United Methodist Church in Lancaster from 1951 to 1964. Because the church and education played such vital roles in the lives of their children, this scholarship is awarded to a student who is pursuing a four-year undergraduate degree or graduate school.

This year's Faith Scholarship winner is Jessica Brown, a nursing student at Trocaire College. The Faith Scholarship was established in 1983 by Depew United Methodist Church, and has continued since it and First United Methodist Church combined some years ago. The Faith Scholarship is available to students attending two- or four-year undergraduate programs, or graduate school.

Congratulations to our recipients!

### Passionate about Pulled Pork?

Chomping for a pulled chicken sandwich? Gary Gorski and his culinary church friends are cooking up a fundraiser featuring these items. If you'd like to help, snag him at church or call him at 681-2659.

## RE-THINK CHURCH

The WNY Conference Leadership Ministry team, in cooperation with Pendleton Center UMC's Church Growth Seminar, will present "Rethink Church—Leadership," featuring Rev. Dr. Michael Slaughter, lead pastor, Ginghamburg (Ohio) UMC. These events take place October 1—3 at Pendleton Center UMC, 6864 Campbell Blvd., N. Tonawanda, NY.

The Church Growth Seminar will present a variety of topics, including:

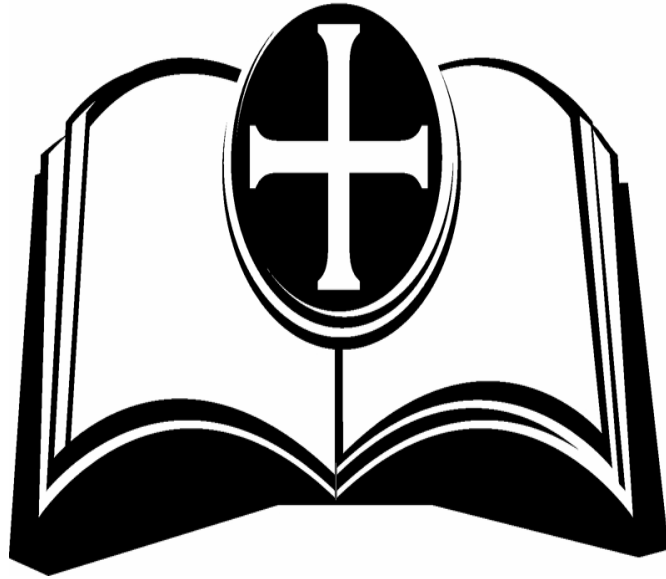
- \* How to find and keep visitors
- \* Is your "Welcome!" welcoming?
- \* Creating multiple income streams
- \* Preaching that reaches people
- \* Designing a spiritual gift-based ministry
- \* Eliminating conflict
- \* Reaching a new generation
- \* Belonging before you believe
- \* Recruiting and empowering volunteers

As lead pastor at Ginghamburg UMC, Mike Slaughter calls himself "a three-decade dreamer" and spiritual entrepreneur of ministry marketplace innovations. Under his leadership, this church has become known as an early innovator of small group ministry, church "media reformation" and cyber ministry, with a website averaging 50,000 visits monthly. In addition, Slaughter's life-long passion to reach the lost and set the oppressed free has made him a tireless advocate for the displaced people of Darfur.

The Pendleton Center Church has grown steadily over the past 19 years, from an average of 45 in worship to about 800 in six weekly services. The church has undergone two major additions and several expansions in that time. The majority of the congregation is under 40, and about 75% of its new families were not attending church when they came to Pendleton Center. The church's weekday programs involve about 2000 people.

For more details, you may contact Pendleton Center UMC at 625-8306, or email PastorJeanE@juno.com. We'll have copies of the brochure for this seminar in the church office or on the round table in the Atrium.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### Lectionary Readings for September and October

September 6th, Pentecost 14: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10 (11-13), 14-17; Mark 7:24-37

September 13th, Pentecost 15: Proverbs 1:20-33; Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38

September 20th, Pentecost 16: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37

September 27th, Pentecost 17: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:14-20; Mark 9:38-50

October 4th, World Communion Sunday: Job 1:1; 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

October 11th, Pentecost 19: Job 23:1-9; 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

October 18th, Laity Sunday: Job 38:1-7 (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45

October 25th, Reformation Sunday: Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52



## New Classes

This fall Faith UMC offers Christian Education for all ages.

For **children and youth**, "One Room Sunday School" is a curriculum provides a Christian education program where four or more age groups are taught in one classroom, and study and learn together. It presents comprehensive Bible study, application of Bible lessons to everyday discipleship, and a variety of age-appropriate activities.

The **adult** Bible class will begin a study of the Book of Isaiah on September 13 (Sunday at 9 AM) and September 16 (Wednesday at 10 AM).

Isaiah is one of the most beautiful and important writings of the Old Testament. His writing reports a vision from God not only about the events of that time, but also glimpses into the time of Jesus. Isaiah is a master of the metaphor. His poetry includes such references to the Jewish nation as "God's beloved vineyard that grows only bitter grapes," the leaders of Judah "pulling sin like a cart," and "sin that leaves a bed too short and a covering too narrow." We quote many of the words of Isaiah that are used to foretell the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

This 12-week study will reveal the love that God has for Judah as it is destroyed by the Assyrians and then is rebuilt to prepare for the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. All materials will be provided, along with coffee and cookies. What a deal! Come and learn.

## Report from Lay Member to Annual Conference

I attended the pre-conference briefing on May 21, 2009. At this meeting various leaders of our conference reviewed the items that came at the annual conference. This is very helpful as it is an opportunity to ask questions and get a better understanding of the items to be voted .

We received the reports of conference committees, under the areas of Leadership, Evangelism, Unity, Connection and the budget for 2010. In addition, we received copies of the 32 Amendments to the Constitution were voted at all of the annual conference meetings across the world. A total of 23 of the amendments were to allow word changes for consistency in the worldwide church. The outcome will be published in the Spectrum later in the year.

On June 19, 20 and 21, I attended the WNY Annual Conference held in Buffalo. It is my responsibility to bring the information of the Annual Conference to our individual church.

The theme for the next four years is **Rethink Church**. What if church weren't just a place we go, but something we do?

How many United Methodists does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: **What, Change?**

Open doors, open hearts, open minds. We are being asked to consider "Open" as a verb rather than an adjective.

Are our doors open?

Are our hearts open?

Are our minds open?

The focus for upcoming years is to be on"

Leadership Development

Church Growth

Ministry with Poor

Global Health

In other words, **Rethink Church**.

**Rethink Church** is a call to action for all United Methodists to become involved in a world bigger than one's individual reach. The new generation is yearning for something more, something deeper and something relevant. This new generation believes that actions speak louder than words.

One of our evening sessions at Annual Conference was a Bible Study led by Bishop Paul Leeland. He asked the question "**Are we willing to do what God wants us to do, or to do what we want to do?**" He then recited a poem.

"As the covered wagon rolled and pitched along the prairie track,  
One sat looking forward and one sat looking back.  
One searched the wide horizon for a bright and better day.  
And one saw the disappointing road 'til it slipped away.  
As the covered wagon rolled and pitched along the prairie track,  
One sat looking forward and one sat looking back."

(Author unknown)

This is the question, which way are we going to look?

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn English  
Lay Member of Annual Conference