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The Faithful Leader

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR



February Freeze and March Madness

Greetings and grace to you all;

Perched on the precipice of frozen February hunkered at home, pessimism piles like snow on streets. It is easy to forget that the days slowly grow longer and the sun higher—that there is an end. Instead these frosty February

factors impact our motivation and mobility toward action. We wait . . . for warmth, for spring, for someone else to inspire us, and for someone else to take the lead.

Lent calls us to reflect deeply on this stagnation of life. We are invited through the disciplines of this season to stop looking for and making excuses as we look out our home windows at the flurries flying. For both the need and our call to be God's people in all times, in all places, in all weather, and to all people does not begin and end with particular seasons. Yes, the celebration of the resurrection lies ahead, but we are a people of resurrection today and everyday. It is time that we act like it by rising up to the new life God offers us this day and share that with our world—not just some of us, but all of us. For the cold temperatures and impersonal ways of the world will take the work all of us—all of our ideas, gifts, and talents—to warm them to the Son's shine. With a unified effort we can melt away the darkness and sadness wrought by these winter months and the news in the world with the brightness of our spirits, the joy of our praise, and the work of our hands.

So let us come together and sing with heart and voice and express with action our 'Hymn of Promise.' For God knows that in all of us there is something unrevealed—a beginning, believing, a resurrection, and a victory. And now God is calling us in this season, on this day, at this moment to reveal this that God already knows.

God's peace to you all

Pastor Daven



Sunday
Worship
Service

10:00am

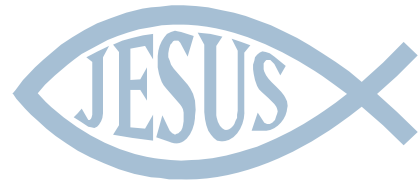
Child Care Available

Christian Education
Sunday

9:00am

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

**SERVING
GOD WITH
OUR
ALL**



Prayer and Praise



Prayer Notices: Rosalie Colucci, Peg Fairhead, Phyllis Hamric, Donna Handzilk, Doug Nail, Ricardo Remero, Marty Schupp, Rachel Turk, Ron Walker, Sammy Waller

Military Service: Stateside: Catherine Bonhoff, Gerod Bonhoff, Ryan Czekalski, Aaron Keller, Elliott Kipp, Daniel Nosbisch, Brian Nosbisch, Carolyn Odojewski.

Overseas: Don Baldo, Linda Nosbisch, Donald Van Curan.

You are invited you to contact the church office to have your prayer & praise notices included

Rev. Daven W. Oskvig, Pastor Katrina Brown, Church Secretary

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Bible Study and Lectionary Lessons

There are two weekday classes currently being offered here at FUMC. The first one is called "Lectionary Lessons" and is led by Rev. Oskvig. This class is held Tuesday mornings at 10am. The other class is a Bible Study led by Beverly Davies. This class meets on Wednesday mornings at 10am.

Please bring something to write with and your Bible. Take advantage of these opportunities.



Worship

Lent

Lent which comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lenten, which means spring, is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Saturday. Historically, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts and then became a time for penance by all Christians.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Ash Wednesday, as the beginning of this season, emphasizes a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. The form and content of the service focus on the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. The use of ashes as a sign of mortality and repentance has a long history in Jewish and Christian worship, with the Imposition of Ashes serving as a powerful nonverbal and experiential way of participating in the call to repentance and reconciliation. The ashes traditionally come from the burned remains of the palm branches waved on the previous Palm Sunday.

Let us join together as we begin our Holy fast of Lent on Wednesday, February 6 at 7:00 PM. Childcare will be available.

Passion/Palm Sunday

This service embodies the sharp contrasts of Holy Week. In the Entrance with the Palms we experience the joyous demonstration of loyalty to Jesus as he enters Jerusalem. In the Proclamation and Response we confront and respond to the story of Jesus' passion. There is no triumph without suffering, no crown without a cross.

We will join in worship on Passion/Palm Sunday on Sunday, March 16 at 10:00 AM. Childcare will be available.

The Great Three Days

Sometimes called the Triduum or Pasch, it starts at sunset on Holy Thursday through sunset Easter Day and are the climax of Lent (and the whole Christian year) and a bridge into the Easter Season. These days proclaim the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. During these days, the community journeys with Jesus from the upper room, to the cross, to the tomb, and to the garden.

1-Maundy Thursday

On this night Christians commemorate the supper Jesus shared with his disciples before his crucifixion, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet and instituted the Sacrament of the Lord's supper. The service includes confession and pardon, proclamation of the Word, foot washing, the Lord's Supper, and the stripping of the church. Foot washing is a powerful symbolic response to the Word, dramatizing the servanthood of Jesus, both on the night before his death and in his continuing presence in our midst. The ancient practice of stripping the Lord's table and sanctuary following communion is a vivid and dramatic way of showing the desolation and abandonment of the long night in Gethsemane that followed. The church remains bare until Easter.

We will join in worship on Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 PM. Childcare will be available.

2-Good Friday

A service of Tenebrae, or 'Darkness,' is based on a twelfth-century late night/early morning service and is an extended meditation on the passion of Christ. Fourteen candles, along with a central Christ candle, are lit as the service begins and then one extinguished at the conclusion of each section of the passion narrative concluding with the Christ candle.

We will join in worship on Friday, March 21 at 7:00 PM. Childcare will be available.

3-Holy Saturday

This service is marked with a short devotion and then quiet reflection as Christ's hours on the cross are recalled.

We will join in worship on Saturday, March 22 at 3:00 PM.

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday focuses on Christ's resurrection and is the most joyous time of the entire Christian year. For it proclaims and celebrates the whole of salvation history and Christ's saving work and begins the great fifty days of the Easter Season which extends until Pentecost with the extension of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We will join in worship on Sunday, March 23 at 10:00 AM. Childcare will be available.

(taken from The United Methodist Book of Worship).

EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM



Easter lilies and other assorted spring bulb flowers will be available for \$7.00 this year. They will be on display in the sanctuary for Easter. After that you are welcome to take them home. Please fill out this order form and return it to the office by **Wednesday, March 12th**.

I would like _____ lily(ies) at \$7.00 each.

I would like _____ bulb flower(s) at \$7.00 each.

\$ _____ enclosed

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

To the Glory of God

From _____

Envelope # _____

Special Notes:

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 9am Christian Ed. 10am Service <i>Curtis and Bradford Baptisms</i>	3	4 10am Lect. Lesson	5 7pm FOF & Choir Practice	6 7pm Church Council Meeting	7	8
9 9am Christian Ed. 10am Service <i>Nowak Baptism Birthday Bash</i>	10	11 10am Lect. Lesson	12 7pm FOF & Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 9am Christian Ed. 10am Service PALM SUNDAY Newsletter Deadline	17	18 10am UMW	19 7pm FOF & Choir Practice	20 9am OK Breakfast 7pm Maundy Thursday Service	21 7pm Good Friday Service	22 3pm Holy Saturday Service
23 10am Service EASTER	24	25 10am OK Club	26 7pm FOF & Choir Practice	27	28	29

Pastor's Office Hours: Monday 9-3, Tuesday & Wednesday 9-12, Thursday 9-3, Friday - Off
"NEW" Church Office Hours: Monday- Friday 1:00pm-4:00pm

Life of Faith

The United Methodist Social Principles

The United Methodist Church has a long history of concern for social justice. Its members have often taken forthright positions on controversial issues involving Christian principles. A Social Creed was first adopted by the church in 1908. The current statement of Social Principles were first adopted in 1972 by the action of General Conference and revised by each successive General Conference. They are a prayerful and thoughtful effort on the part of the General Conference to speak to the human issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation as historically demonstrated in United Methodist traditions. They are a call to faithfulness and are intended to be instructive and persuasive in the best of the prophetic spirit; however, they are not church law. The Social Principles are a call to all members of The United Methodist Church to a prayerful, studied dialogue of faith and practice. (taken from the 2004 United Methodist Book of Discipline)

Would you like to know more about what The United Methodist Church says on current issues? Are you interested in what issues the Church has made statements about? Are you interested to find out how the Social Principles are amended? Are you interested in connecting personal faith with social action? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in the atrium for a class on the Social Principles run by Pas-

Collection Counters

We are in need of volunteers to help count the collection after service on Sunday. This is a very easy task and generally takes less than an hour to complete. The counting will be done on Sundays now to better accommodate our busy schedules. If you feel moved to participate in this ministry, please sign up in the atrium.

Wednesday Noon Lenten Service Schedule

February 13th
Lancaster Presbyterian
Fr. Paul Steller
"The Feet of Christ"

February 20th
St. James R.C. Church
Bishop Peplowski
"The Eyes of Christ"

February 27th
Holy Mother of the Rosary
Pastor Kelly Negus
"The Hands of Christ"

March 5th
St. Mary's R.C. Church
Pastor Chris Baldwin
"The Heart of Christ"

March 12th
St. John's Lutheran
Pastor Mike Blackwell
"The Mouth of Christ"

Lunch of Soup and Salad to follow the service.

The Life Around Faith

Attention Ladies

You are welcome to join us at our monthly meetings held on the third Tuesday of each month

February

The District Morning apart/Leadership training will be held on February 5th, 9:30am—2:30pm at the Amherst Trinity UMC. The program is “My Body, His Temple”.

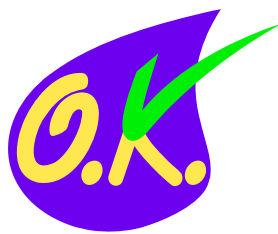
March

Marilyn English will share slides of her China trip on March 18th at 10am. Hostesses are Shirley Hayes and Hosia Sharpe. Bring a sandwich—dessert and beverage will be provided.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER MARCH 7th

District Communion Memorial Service
March 15th

The OK Club will gather for food and fellowship on February 21st at Denny’s on Genesee Street. On March 20th they will be meeting at the Dutch Mill on Broadway. On March 25th at 10am will be a meeting at the church. Bring your lunch and favorite board game. Hostesses are the Gummo’s and Evon Kreiger.



Valentine Luncheon
Saturday, February 16th
Please see Loretta Schneller or Jean Kipp for tickets or if you are able to help. Please bring in good saleable items for the Silent Auction.



Thank you for all of you thoughts and prayers for me in my time of transition. I have finally moved into my new place. I would love to hear from you all. My new contact information is:
Marty Schupp
Bassett Park Manor
111 St. Gregory Ct., Room 20
Williamsville, NY 14221
689-6459
Blessings to you all with love, Marty

February Alter Flowers

- 10th In Loving Memory of Dick Hamric by Phyllis Hamric
- 17th In Memory of Loved Ones by Henry and Bessie Barrie
- 24th In Memory of John Holland by the Sorrentino Family

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