

# *The Messenger*

*May 2018*

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*First United Methodist Church  
Wellsville, NY*

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## WELLSVILLE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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# ***First United Methodist Church of Wellsville***

## ***Combined Contemporary/Traditional Worship Service***

***Sunday Mornings — 9:45 am***

***Hymn Sing 6:30 pm — Designated Sundays***

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***Serving Christ and Community  
Since 1852***



### ***Our Staff:***

*Pastor. . . . . Rev. Gregory DeSalvatore*

*Office Manager. . . . . Mrs. Kim Smith*

*Traditional Music Dir. & Organist . . . . Ms. Joy Caldwell*

*Church Custodian. . . . . Mrs. Mary Brown*

## ***UPCOMING EVENTS***

***Wed., Thurs, Fri., May 2, 3, 4 — Church Rummage Sale***

*Wed. 5-8 PM \*\*\* Thurs. 9 AM-4 PM \*\*\* Fri. 9 AM-1 PM (\$1 Bag Sale)*

*Thurs. Free Soup & Sandwich Lunch from 11 AM-1 PM*

***Thursday, May 3 — National Day of Prayer Gathering, 7 PM, Presbyterian Church***

***Wednesday, May 9 — Book Study, 3:30 PM in the Welcome Room***

***Sunday, May 13 — Mother's Day Brunch, 8:30 AM in Fellowship Hall, sign-up by May 6***

***Thursday, May 17 — Triple L Potluck at Noon***

***Saturday, May 19 — Gil's Hills Workday***

***Monday, May 21 — June Messenger Articles Due***

***Sunday, May 27 — Hymn Sing, 6:30 PM***



### ***Women's Bible Study***

*Our Tuesday morning study group meets at 9:15 AM in the Welcome Room and is led by Joy Caldwell. We will be starting a new study of The Fruit and Gifts of the Holy Spirit on May 7th. Please see Joy if you would like a book (no charge). All women are invited!*

### ***Men's Bible Study***

*Our Friday morning study group meets at 9 AM and is currently finishing study on 2 Timothy. New study starting mid May. Come and share in our fellowship. All men are invited!*

### ***Wednesday Book Study***

*We are currently reading "The Root of the Righteous" by A. W. Tozer. Next chat is on Wednesday, May 9 at 3:30 PM in the Welcome Room to discuss chapters 31-35.*



## No Matter What

*Beloved, now we are the sons (daughters) of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. - 1 John 3: 2*

No matter how dark the day; no matter how troubled we are; how many times we have failed; no matter how futile and useless life seems to us; our salvation is in the great truth that God has revealed to us in Jesus Christ, that we are indeed sons (daughters) of God, not in our past, not in times to come, but even now, in our weakness and failure. We cannot see how it is to be, yet we know that we shall be like the perfect Son of Man. Nothing can separate us from the love of God and nothing can deprive us of our ultimate end. We are children of the Highest Power and Strength, we are God's own children, and our progress is sure if we can only remember who and what we are. As we keep this in mind, we shall cease to fear and we shall know that there is but one reality. That reality is Life. There is but one life. That life is continuous and continuously good. It comes from God, the giver of all good gifts. God is our Father. It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that we shall be like Him.

Pressing forward in Christ,  
*Pastor Greg*

*everlasting*  
**Life!**

## OUTREACH/MISSION UPDATE

The month of May is upon us and it is time again for one of our most popular and successful ministry efforts. During this month of Memorial Day, please take advantage of the opportunity to donate items needed by the residents of the Bath VA Center. Please look for the patriotically decorated donation box in the sanctuary. It will be there the entire month of May eagerly awaiting your generous donations. A listing of suggested donation items will be included in the church bulletin during May. Please look at that list and donate to this worthy ministry. This is our chance to remember and support some true American heroes who can use our help.

On April 29th Compassion Sunday occurs at our church. You will either be

reading this just before or slightly following this event. Please carefully consider the information you received at that event. Please remember that we have an opportunity, under the auspices of Compassion International, to make a very real difference in the physical, spiritual and educational well-being of needy children throughout the world. And by helping the child, we can make a positive difference in the lives of his/her family. The sponsorship packets will be available for your consideration on the 29th and on Sunday, May 6th. Please pray about this important ministry and join with us if you are able. Please take the time to speak to those in our congregation who already sponsor a Compassion child. They will tell you that the experience is a richly rewarding one.

*Bryan Caldwell*

## Prayers for Annual Conference



Please remember that our Annual Conference begins with Clergy and Laity Sessions on May 30 and runs through June 2 in Syracuse. Prayers on behalf of our pastor and lay delegate and for the direction and leadership of our entire conference are much appreciated. Thank you.



## UNITED METHODIST MEN

Greetings from UMM !

Our most recent breakfast was attended by 16 of our guys. The eight o'clock hour fits in well with our cooks. Our next breakfast will be July 15th. Certainly we hope our mid Summer will be better for us then early Spring has been. Just could not resist mentioning the weather in this issue.

The men are all set to provide help for the upcoming Church wide rummage sale. It always takes lots of hands to make this event successful. The next week, Sunday, May 13th, we will be cooking the annual Mother's Day brunch. The time for this years event will be 8:30 a.m. sharp. Please

see the sign up sheet in the foyer.

Looking ahead Ken Jordan from Gil's Hills has acknowledged that a lot of limbs and debris has accumulated over the winter. The usual work day at Gil's is the third Saturday in May. We hope for a good turnout May 19th to help with cleaning up the camp.

Oh and BTW! Camp Findley Bible Camp anyone? Brochures will be out very soon.

UMM, where all men and boys are welcome!

Blessings for your pilgrimage!

Alan and Bryan

## SALVATION ARMY RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS

A Dolomite construction employee and his organization were recognized for contributions during the annual holiday kettle bell drive. Alvin Ware accepted the award for the United Methodist Church in Wellsville, NY. Members of his church raised \$778 for the Salvation Army over 14 hours during the holiday season — the highest contributor in the church group category. Overall, the Wellsville Salvation Army raised \$26,552.50 over 969 hours. We thank

Alvin for his dedication to helping his community. Pictured from left to right are Salvation Army Lieutenant Derrick Purvis, Dean Arnold (Lions Club), Robert Perkins (Individual), Alvin Ware (FUMC), and Lieutenant Heather Purvis.



## NAOMI CIRCLE

News from Naomi Circle:

Nineteen women met for the April 18th Naomi Circle meeting. Eila Shea, with the help of Joy Caldwell, shared a power point presentation and colorful antidotes from her 11 years she served in Africa. She was dressed in a beautiful African blouse and the stories shared helped us see the many health needs of these peoples. We learned that missionaries first were sent to Africa in 1889. Eila served as a nurse from 1970 and 1981. Thank you Eila.



Our business meeting followed and centered on signing up for the upcoming events. We are ready for the church wide rummage and bake sale!! By the time you read this your donations should be at the church. Thank you ! If you find you can lend a hand please stop in to the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

The men are once again hosting a Mother's Day breakfast on May 13th. Don't forget to sign up on the clip board in the church foyer.

Our next meeting should be a lot of fun. We are each asked to bring an old item from our home and we will have our own "Antique Road Show." If you don't know what your item is, all the more fun. Theresa Brown will provide refreshment, Bonnie DeSalvatore will share devotions and May laundry will be done by Judy Winslow. We hope to see you there!

Blessings, Diane and Linda



## MAY PRAYER LIST

- 1 — Church Rummage Sale
- 2 — Jail Ministry
- 3 — Choir & Praise Team
- 4 — Men's Bible Study
- 5 — Pastor Greg
- 6 — Pastor's Family (Bonnie, Anthony & Family, Michael & Emily)
- 7 — Those Experiencing Health Challenges
- 8 — Woman's Bible Study
- 9 — Jail Ministry
- 10 — Healing of Broken Relationships
- 11 — Organist & Traditional Music Director (Joy)
- 12 — Pastor Greg
- 13 — Pastor's Family
- 14 — Custodian (Mary)
- 15 — Church Volunteers
- 16 — Jail Ministry
- 17 — AA & NA Participants
- 18 — Office Manager (Kim)
- 19 — Pastor Greg
- 20 — Pastor's Family
- 21 — Those Unemployed
- 22 — Prayer Warriors
- 23 — Jail Ministry
- 24 — Those Experiencing Loss
- 25 — Church Shut-In Family
- 26 — Pastor Greg
- 27 — Pastor's Family
- 28 — Church Families
- 29 — Community Revival
- 30 — Jail Ministry
- 31 — Salvation Army

## BUDGET REPORT

	MAR '18	YTD '18
Operating Budget Income	\$ 12,525	\$ 39,641
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Pastor's Package	\$ 6,507	\$ 19,271
Other Staff	3,814	11,468
Maintenance & Supplies	2,981	8,210
Teams	377	1,086
Ministry Shares	1,826	11,692*
All Other Expenses	235	7,581
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$ 15,740</b>	<b>\$ 59,308</b>
Income less Expenses	\$ (3,215)	(19,667)

\*Includes \$6,214 paid towards 2017 Ministry Shares



Please remember your financial gifts for the ongoing mission of our local church. As the spring weather finally arrives, we invite you to keep your tithes, pledges, and additional offerings current in grateful response to all that God has given you!

## The Focus on Prayer Praying Like Jesus

*"For this reason I am telling you, whatever things you ask for in prayer in accordance with God's will, believe with confident trust that you have received them, and they will be given to you." Mark 11:24*

We often read biographies of people to learn about their lives. When we read about the life of Jesus in the gospels, we learn one of His great secrets. Jesus showed us by example the importance of prayer. If He prayed, we need to pray. If He needed time alone with God, we do also.

Jesus believed that prayer works. He knew the power of prayer and its effectiveness. He had an intimate relationship with God, the Father and from His example we can develop the desire to spend time with the Father. We need to believe in prayer.

Many times we do not pray because we doubt that our prayers will make any difference. Satan chides us in to believing that prayer does not work. Too often we miss the main reason for prayer, which is conversation, dialogue, and building and maintaining a relationship with our heavenly Father.

In addition to building and maintaining a relationship with our heavenly Father, making requests is a needed aspect of prayer. If we consider the prayers of Jesus, we cannot ignore or take lightly the boldness and confidence with which He spoke about prayer and with which He prayed.



Jesus taught that prayer works and encouraged us to pray because God, like an earthly father, is overjoyed to meet the needs and fill the requests of a loving and obedient child. Positive answers to our prayers come when we pray for God's kingdom to expand, His will to be done, and His Name to be glorified.

We can have the same confidence that Jesus had in knowing that God answers prayer.

Matthew 21:22; 7:7-11

John 14:13-14; 15:7; 15:16; 16:23-24

*Joy Caldwell*

## *FUMC Media Center Schedule*

1 Service at 9:45 AM

Volunteers need to arrive about 9:30 or before.

May	6	Johnson	June	3	Hunt
	13	Austin		10	Austin
	20	Hunt		17	Johnson
	27	Johnson		24	Hunt
July	1	Johnson			
	8	Austin			
	15	Hunt			
	22	Austin			
	29	Johnson			

PLEASE call another volunteer if you find you cannot be at church on your assigned Sunday:

Nyhl Austin — 585-593-3315

Jeremy Johnson — 585-610-9397

Allen Hunt — 585-593-1573

(Updated 4/9/18)



To order altar flowers, sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board. Sign up early to be sure you get the Sunday you would like as they fill up fast. Cost is \$15. Payment of cash or check made payable to FUMC prior to your scheduled Sunday. Drop it in the offering plate (please specify that it is for altar flowers) or you may bring it to the church office. Please notify the church office one week before your scheduled Sunday if there are specific colors or flowers you would like. You may take your flowers anytime after the 9:45 am service. Thank you for your help to provide beautiful flowers on the altar for our Sunday service.

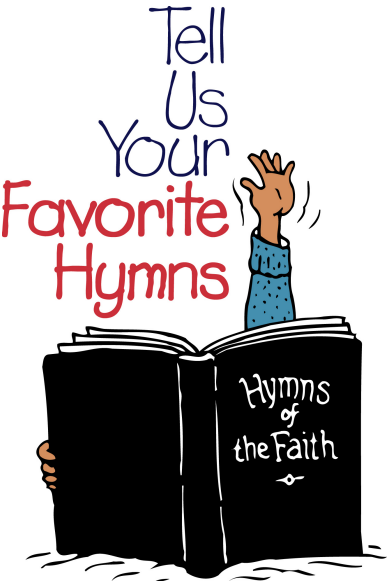


**May 6 — In Honor of Renee’s Birthday, Given by Kevin & Ginny LaForge**

**May 13 — Given For the Glory of God!**

**May 20 — In Honor of Jerry & Nancy Levitt’s 49th Wedding Anniversary**

**May 27 — In Honor of Max Shay’s Birthday, Given by Gloria Shay**



Our monthly gathering will be on  
May 27 at 6:30 PM  
Come and bring a friend.  
We sing our favorite hymns,  
new and old,  
AND enjoy refreshments afterwards.  
Please join us!



**MAY  
BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 — Cathy Lewis
- 4 — Brenda Milligan
- 6 — Renee’ (LaForge) Johnson
- 12 — Kathy Gilbert
- 14 — Megan Austin
- 15 — Sharlet Fuller
- 24 — Max Shay
- 26 — Joanne Horton
- 28 — Chris Forness
- 30 — Pat Barry
- 31 — David Amidon



**MAY  
ANNIVERSARIES**

- 8 — John & Cathy Lewis
- 18 — Max & Gloria Shay
- 31 — Jerry & Nancy Levitt



**May Greeters**  
Pat & Michele Barry

**May Counters**  
Theresa Brown & Cathy Lewis

**Giant Register Tapes & Food Pantry Donations**

Please bring in your nonperishable grocery & sundry donations for the Salvation Army food pantry on the 1st Sunday of each month.  
The collection box is located in the church entryway.  
Giant register tape collection bin is located in the Library.