

The Messenger

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*First United Methodist Church
Wellsville, NY*

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Combined Contemporary/Traditional Worship Service

Sunday Mornings — 9:45 am

Hymn Sing 6:30 pm — Designated Sundays

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Since 1852***



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Pastor Rev. Gregory DeSalvatore

Office Manager Mrs. Kim Smith

Traditional Music Dir. & Organist Ms. Joy Caldwell

Church Custodian Mrs. Mary Brown

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, October 8 — Team Meetings 6:15 PM, Admin. Council Mtg. 7:30

Sunday, October 14 — *Pastor Appreciation Sunday*

Wednesday, October 17 — Naomi Circle, 2 PM

Thursday, October 18 — Triple L Potluck Lunch, 12 Noon

Friday, October 19 — November Messenger Articles Due

Sunday, October 21 — Laity Sunday & Men's Breakfast, 8 AM

Wednesday, October 24 — Book Study, 3:30 PM

Sunday, October 28 — Bishop Webb Visit, 4-6 PM; Hymn Sing, 6:30 PM



Weekly Study Groups:

Tuesdays—Women's Bible Study @ 9:15 AM in the Welcome Room/Library;
Currently studying the book of Daniel led by Joy Caldwell.

Fridays—Men's Bible Study @ 9:00 AM in the Welcome Room/Library;
Currently studying the book of Acts led by Max Shay and others.

Wednesdays — "Guide Your Mind, Guide Your Heart, Grace Your Tongue"
by Carol Burton McLeod book study begins October 24 @ 3:30 PM in the
Welcome Room. All men and women welcome.



On Fearing of the Future, the Unknown, or ?

Some decades back a former US President declared, “The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself.” (FDR’s First Inaugural Address, 1932). I understand the context of that expression but would propose a change for our time and this season:

The only thing we have to fear is ourselves! Only we can preclude the future God has for each of us. Therefore, we must fear intruding our self-centered way into our own futures. It will only complicate things. A prophet once heard God speak a word that is ours for the taking:

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” (Jeremiah 29: 11)

Twelve young men stood and faced God’s future at a place called Kadesh Barnea (a city in the extreme south of Judah). Ten chose their future on the basis of their anxiety and unbelief. Their names were Shammua, Shaphat, Igal, Palti, Gaddiel, Gaddi, Ammiel, Sethur, Nahbi, and Geuel. No one ever names children after any of these men. Only a rare student of history even recognizes the names.

Two men chose their future on the basis of a personal knowledge of, and full commitment to, Yahweh and his plans for them. They wholly followed the Lord, and their names are still spoken thousands of years later. We still name children after them. The world needs more Calebs and Joshuas. Only such persons can lead us into the future, into the Promised Land that we need and for which we long.

Look up! Draw near to God and claim the future he has made for you!

Leaning on the Lord,
Pastor Greg

Special Gathering with Bishop

Fall Gathering with Bishop Mark Webb
Sunday, October 28 from 4 to 6 PM
Wellsville First UMC

Any and all United Methodists from churches in the Cornerstone or Mountainview Districts are invited to attend this time with our Bishop Mark Webb. Information on the upcoming Special Session of General Conference in April 2019 and a presentation of the report of the Commission On A Way Forward for The United Methodist Church will be the primary agenda. Come and worship together as we gather in Jesus’ name!

OUTREACH/MISSION NEWS

We lead off this month with important information concerning ways in which we can respond to the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. As members of the United Methodist connection, we rely, in large measure, upon the efforts of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) in matters of disaster response. Your Mission/Outreach Team will be allocating Funds from our local UMCOR funds for Hurricane Florence relief efforts. As individuals, we have several ways in which we can help. The easiest way is to make a special monetary donation to UMCOR. This can be accomplished by writing a check to First United Methodist Church and stating on the memo line that the money is given for “Hurricane Florence relief.” Remember every cent donated to UMCOR goes directly to relief efforts. Another way we can help is to put together “cleaning buckets” to be used by those individuals who will be providing clean-up in the disaster areas. If you would like additional information regarding the contents of a cleaning bucket, please speak to Bryan Caldwell. A listing of materials to include in a cleaning bucket can be obtained, as well, from our office manager, Kim Smith. Finally, we can help as individuals by joining a Volunteers in Mission team to travel to the disaster area and provide hands-on assistance. As we receive information regarding the formation of such teams, we will share it with you.

Many members of our church gave very generously during the recently concluded school supply donation ministry. I am pleased to report that your efforts were instrumental in outfitting 67 students with back packs and basic school supplies for the 2018-19 school year. Thank you for your extravagant generosity.

It is not too early to think about the upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons. We are planning to host a Thanksgiving celebration on November 17th. As in previous years, we will gather in the fellowship hall to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings. More details will be made available in the coming weeks. For planning purposes, we all need to dust off our favorite side dish recipes to be used to provide dishes to pass for the event. And, as this is, in part, an Outreach event, please consider inviting someone to join you at the celebration.

Submitted by Bryan Caldwell

New Members Class is forming...
if you have questions, or for latest schedule, see Pastor Greg.

Fall Nut Sale will be starting later this month...
look to weekly bulletins for further details

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Greetings from UMM!

Roy Lucas introduced his nephew, Dr. Brian Harmelink, to the Men's Bible study group on Friday, September 21st. Dr. Harmelink has spent a long and productive missionary career with Wycliffe Bible Translators. He reports there is still much work to be done in the area of Bible translation around the world. He explained that translation into indigenous languages has traditionally begun with the New Testament as that has been seen as the most effective way to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, efforts to translate the Old Testament are expanding in order to provide needed context for the good news found in the New Testament. Dr. Harmelink talked of the continuing need to expand levels of literacy. However, he also discussed an emerging use of oral story telling to introduce the Bible to cultures where story telling is a more common communication tool than the written word. He noted the existence of good software to aid in striking the right balance between the two methods. Dr. Harmelink shared his opinion that Christianity continues to grow rapidly in Africa, an area of the world where Bible translators have been hard at work.

Friday morning Bible study invites all men to study God's word. Join us at 9 am in the Welcome Room.

UMM invites all men and boys to fellowship. Our next breakfast is October 21st at 8 am.

Blessings to all! Bryan and Alan

NAOMI CIRCLE

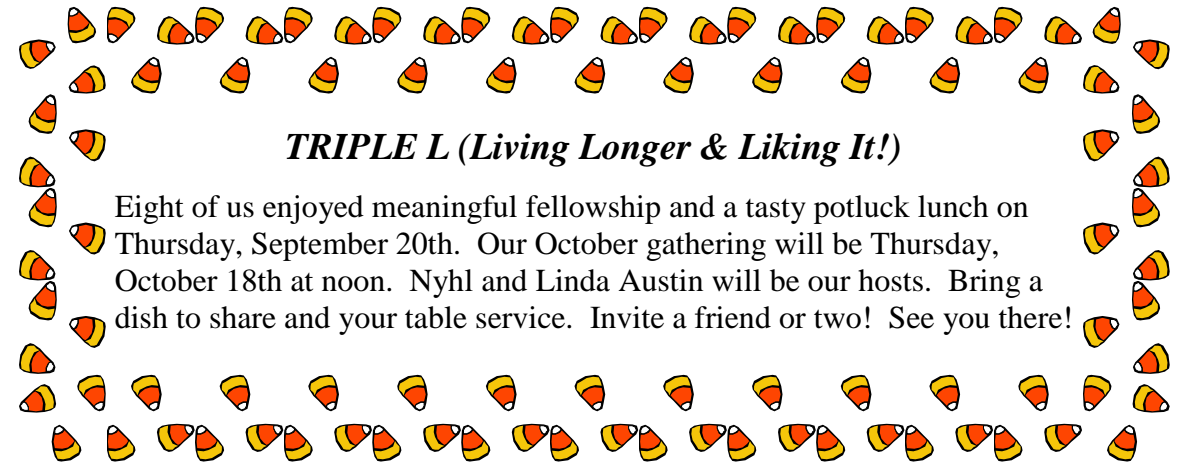
Naomi Circle gathered for their first Fall meeting on September 19th. A yummy "Dessert Buffet" was shared by those in attendance. If you were unable to attend you missed some good fellowship and recipes!

Rada knives, foods etc. are on sale once again. Please make your Christmas list and get your order in by Oct. 31, 2018. Check the weekly church bulletin for more details.

Our next meeting will be held on October 17th at 2 PM. Our very own Pam Rohrabacher will share her trip to Red Bird Mission in KY. Come hear about this Methodist mission and how God used Pam. Refreshments will be provided by Sharlet Fuller and devotions by Sue Sweeting.

United Methodist Women, where all women are welcome, friendships made and Christ's church served. Please join us!

Submitted by Linda Austin and Diane Forsberg



TRIPLE L (Living Longer & Liking It!)

Eight of us enjoyed meaningful fellowship and a tasty potluck lunch on Thursday, September 20th. Our October gathering will be Thursday, October 18th at noon. Nyhl and Linda Austin will be our hosts. Bring a dish to share and your table service. Invite a friend or two! See you there!

LIBRARY UPDATE

It's good to see the change in seasons upon us, with the changing of leaf colors and a cool snap in the weather. It is all part of God's rhythm around the world. God continues to show us his beauty.

This month we entered 12 new books into the Library. There were 8 fiction and 4 non-fiction. Books that were donated by Betty Stoll, Ruth McPherson and Sue Browning. It has been noted that some authors are more popular than others. I bought a book which contains 3 stories in 1, with 3 different popular authors. This might be a book you can read to introduce yourself to three new or old authors to see if you might like to read more of their works. These authors are easy reading books and there are many of the books available in our Library. The book is "The Cost of Betrayal" by Dee Henderson, Dani Pettrey and Lynette Eason. Some of the non-fiction books are now carrying funny titles with laughable insight but contain the Christian spirit theme.

We would like to invite you to join us in the welcome room every Sunday morning and after church for a cup of coffee, tea or juice and maybe even a snack or two and while you are there, get to meet some others new and old friends.

If anyone would like a prayer bear for a relative, friend or a special person who is having a difficult situation or medical problem, please contact any member of the Tuesday bible study class, Sue Browning or at the church office. The prayer bears are prayed over by members of the bible class.

Submitted by Sue Browning

Book Study Challenge

For all who would like to share in a small group: reactions, insights, questions, and even disagreements our Book Study may be what you are looking for. Beginning Wednesday, October 24 we will begin discussing the book *Guide Your Mind, Guard Your Heart, Grace Your Tongue* by Carol Burton McLeod. Men and women are welcome.

This book may not be for you if:

- You never think a negative thought
- You never spend one second of your life worrying about the people you love
- You have never lost your temper
- You never allow bitterness to affect a relationship
- You are able to completely forgive someone the instant he or she offends you
- You are never moody and have never given a family member the silent treatment
- You are never cynical about the politics of the day
- You refuse to gossip – every minute of every hour of every day
- You have never yelled at your children or your dog
- You have never talked negatively about your spouse
- You have never criticized your parents behind their backs
- You have never spoken a word that you regret

And herein lies the challenge. If you can answer yes to all of the above, you are perfect and do not need the interaction of the book study group. We meet Wednesdays at 3:30 and keep our discussion to an hour. Hope to see you there! Please see Joy Caldwell if you would like a book (joycaldwell10@gmail.com).

Our monthly gathering will be on

October 28th at 6:30 PM

Come and bring a friend.

We sing our favorite hymns, new and old, AND
enjoy refreshments afterwards.

See you there!

Please join us!

Lessons on Prayer from a Leader Named Hezekiah

2 Kings, chapters 18-20

Hezekiah got alone with God. Some of the most effective prayer time of your life will be the time you invest alone with God.

Hezekiah's prayer was immediate. It was prior to making his plans. We need to develop a discipline and habit to make God the first place we turn in our lives. Like Hezekiah.

Hezekiah's prayer was open and honest. Hezekiah was transparent before the Lord. He took the letter, went to the house of the Lord, and spread it out before Him.

Hezekiah's prayer was honoring, humble, and respectful of who God is. Hezekiah willingly humbled himself in prayer, because he knew his place before the King of kings.

Hezekiah's prayer was bold. He said, "Give ear, O LORD, and hear; open your eyes, O LORD." Hezekiah had the kind of relationship with God that he didn't wonder if God would be there when he came before Him. He knew he could ask God to act on his behalf.

Hezekiah's prayer was dependent. He knew he was out of his league facing the Assyrians. He was going to depend on God. Every time. In every situation.

Hezekiah's prayer was certain. Because it was based on his personal faith and trust in God. Hezekiah prayed: "Now, O LORD our God, deliver us, so that all kingdoms on earth may know that you alone, O LORD, are God."

Hezekiah had a faith in God that allowed him to pray with confidence. Faith is always based on the promises of God. Some things God has promised to do—and some He hasn't. God has promised to always get glory for Himself and always work things for an ultimate good.

Hezekiah knew God had promised to save His people. He had confidence that God would do what He had promised to do. Hezekiah trusted God to be faithful to His word so he was willing to act in faith.

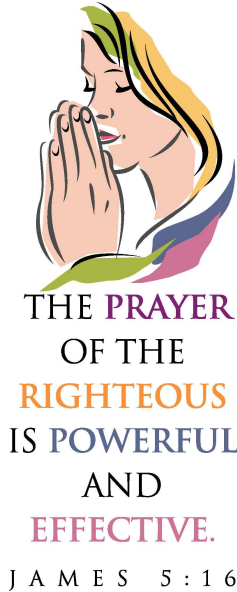
Get alone with God, spread your problems out before Him honestly, humbly, and boldly; then, allow His will to be done, as you wait for His response.


Submitted by Joy Caldwell



OCTOBER PRAYER LIST

- 1 — Those with a Medical Concern or Hospitalized
- 2 — Women’s Bible Study, Leader & Participants
- 3 — Jail Ministry
- 4 — Organist & Music Director (Joy)
- 5 — Men’s Bible Study
- 6 — Pastor Greg
- 7 — Pastor’s Family (Bonnie, Anthony & Family, Michael & Emily)
- 8 — Team Meetings & Admin. Council
- 9 — AA & NA
- 10 — Jail Ministry
- 11 — Choir & Praise Team
- 12 — Church Volunteers
- 13 — Pastor Greg
- 14 — Pastor’s Family
- 15 — Custodian (Mary)
- 16 — UMM & Naomi Circle Ministries
- 17 — Jail Ministry
- 18 — Triple L Fellowship
- 19 — Office Manager (Kim)
- 20 — Pastor Greg
- 21 — Pastor’s Family
- 22 — Homebound Church Family
- 23 — Church Families
- 24 — Jail Ministry
- 25 — Gil’s Hills & Youth for Christ
- 26 — Prayer Warriors
- 27 — Pastor Greg
- 28 — Pastor’s Family
- 29 — Rebuilding Broken Relationships
- 30 — Church Stewardship
- 31 — Safety for Children Trick or Treating



	AUG '18	YTD '18
Operating Budget Income	\$ 13,148	\$ 106,099
 Budget Update	Expenses:	
	Pastor’s Package	\$ 7,186 \$ 53,861
	Other Staff	3,794 30,466
	Maintenance & Supplies	1,284 21,534
	Teams	416 2,824
	Ministry Shares	1,396 19,962*
	All Other Expenses	235 9,426
	Total Expenses:	\$ 14,311 \$138,073
	Income less Expenses	\$ 1,163 (31,974)

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

FUMC Media Center Schedule			
(1 service at 9:45)			
(Volunteers need to arrive about 9:30 or before)			
October	7 = Hunt	November	4 = Austin
	14 = Austin		11 = Austin
	21 = Johnson		18 = Hunt
	28 = Hunt		25 = Johnson
PLEASE call another volunteer if you cannot be at church on your assigned Sunday: Nyhl Austin 585-593-3315/Jeremy Johnson 585-610-9397/Allen Hunt 585-593-1573			

FALL RADA SALE
The Naomi Circle sponsors a RADA Sale twice a year. The fall sale will run through the month of October, with delivery early in November. As in the past, now is a good time to check out the new catalog for possible Christmas gifts. Catalogs and order forms are available in the back lobby. Questions? Call Nitia Cole at 585/593/3896.



OCTOBER

- 1 — Gabrielle Forness
- 8 — Polly Lucas
- 11 — Shannon Milligan
- 11 — Kayla Austin
- 19 — Kyle Ritter
- 23 — Dorothy Cooley
- 24 — Tracie Austin
- 29 — Darrin Cornell



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 — Roy & Polly Lucas
- 7 — John & Kathie Gilbert
- 15 — Kent & Jerri Ritter

Altar Flowers

Just 4 Sundays left open until the end of 2018. Dates available are: Oct. 21, Nov. 18, Dec. 9 and Dec. 30. If you would like to provide altar flowers for one of the above Sundays, sign up on the flower chart. Cost is \$15. Payment of cash or check made payable to FUMC prior to your scheduled Sunday can be dropped in the offering plate or brought to the church office. If there are specific flowers or colors you would like, notify the church office one week before your scheduled Sunday. You may take your flowers after the worship service.

October 7 — In Memory of Earl D. Tyron

October 14 — In Honor of Polly Lucas

October 21 — Still Available

October 28 — Given by Elva & Darrin Cornell

October Greeters

John & Nitia Cole

October Counters

Alan Forsberg & Michele Barry

Giant Register Tapes & Food Pantry Donations

Please bring in your non-perishable grocery & sundry (paper products, etc.) items for the Salvation Army food pantry on the first Sunday of each month.

The collection box is located just inside the sanctuary to the right.

The Giant register tape collection bin is located in the Welcome Room.

My Best 10 Years — 2005-2015

My husband Myron and I lived on Bear Ridge Road in Pendleton, a rural area of Niagara County. We enjoyed every day as if it were our last day on earth. We laughed all the time. As the years waned away I could see Myron getting uneasy. He constantly mentioned about the land we purchased in Scio for hunting. With 120 acres unused, Myron and I would talk the day through dreaming of how we would live in such a vast area.

One day I came home from bible study and the Lord spoke to my heart about moving. I made an announcement that God wanted us to move. Well, Myron was so excited and happy he drove down on Niagara Falls Blvd. and contacted a realtor.

We lived in our house that we built for 47 years. There was so much to pack up. We had a big sale and a lot of it was sold. We still possessed too much so we put much of it in our new barn in Scio. I was so happy to wake up in the morning and see all the deer and turkeys in our yard. I thought that Myron was happy on Bear Ridge Rd. but this beat all. We were so content living in Scio.

We would drive through Wellsville all the time to get acquainted with what was available. We would often drive past a church and every time in passing I would say that I wanted to go there when we moved permanently.

With our minds on churches my daughter drove us all through the area to find a church and we would pray in front of every one of them, knowing that God would lead us to the right one. With settling on our priority list, we found one called Wellsville First United Methodist. Our first Sunday was like a party. Everyone was warm and friendly and greeted us. Diane Forsberg talked to us and gave us information. We felt so blessed. As the weeks passed we knew we were at home. This was the first church that did not judge us. We fit in well with a little wiggle room to make us feel so loved. All the members got along. The men showered Myron with caring and love. We were moving in the same direction...toward God.

Once a month the church had a sing-a-long on Monday night. Myron said “No, I will not go!” As luck would have it, he went and we sang. Everyone brought a snack...and that Myron loved! I had a hard time getting him to come home with me. He talked and talked and enjoyed himself so much that he never said “no” again.

Living in a small town, when I had an operation, food came to my house for two weeks. The love of this church was overwhelming. I was such a happy person. Myron bought a tractor with a bucked on the front. He stayed in the woods day-in and day-out. When I would watch my husband come down the hill with a big smile on his face, it made me love him all the more. We put lights on the porch and would sit out there most evenings. A fire pit helped us to stay warm. Life was good.

Myron passed on August 22nd, 2015. Our church was full to the walls for Myron’s military funeral. Myron and I were so close that I miss him greatly...his soft laugh, his kisses and his arms around me...

~Mary Zimmerman~ 2018