

## SAVE THE DATE!!!!

October 30, 2011

### Blue Jean Sunday

Please join together for our autumn cleaning in and around our church grounds. We will begin immediately following worship service. The Board of Community Life will provide lunch when we have finished our chores! We encourage and welcome everyone, especially our youth. Thank you, Board of Trustees



Handbells will resume rehearsals on the first Tuesday in October.

Time: 6:15-7:30

Place: Music Room (behind the sanctuary)

Date: Every Tuesday, beginning October 4

If you have been thinking that playing the handbells might be fun to learn, now is a GREAT time to start! Please contact Kelly Roller (kjroller@frontiernet.net) if you are interested in ringing this year. Thanks! Kelly

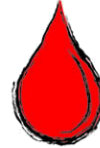


Friday, Oct 14, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Saturday, Oct 15, 9:00 am - noon

We will have the bake sale on Friday. So please start collecting your items, but please no electronics like TVs and Computers, We need helpers --- for set up, tear down and removal.

Any Questions - Please contact Nancy Apolito 229-5274



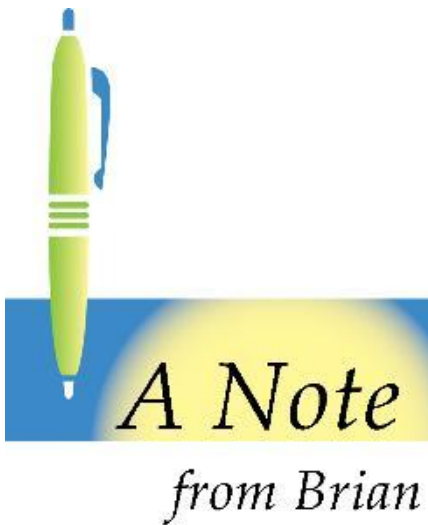
BLOOD DRIVE  
HONEOYE UCC  
OCTOBER 18

October 5 from 5-7pm



Spaghetti Dinner





I was at a meeting where the featured speaker said that if your congregation was composed of mostly gray-headed people then, in thirty years, it would no longer be a congregation. He went on to say that unless congregations actively seek to invite and welcome people in their 20's, 30's and 40's then a congregation is doomed. This hit a note with me. We are not mostly gray headed and we are diverse in age. However, we are becoming grayer (the pastor included). We can easily take for granted that we as a congregation will be around for a long time to come, after all, we have been here for 157 years.

To be an active, welcoming congregation that intentionally seeks people to become part of it will mean some changes. The world has become electronically connected. Last September we began our telephone ministry where people can dial in the worship service on Sunday morning. It is highly used. A great addition, but this is old technology. Most everyone under 50 is familiar with computers, e-mail, web sites, text messaging and facebook and uses them on a regular basis. Currently we are working to update our e-mail list. If you have e mail and want to receive reminders of events, updates on people and other information, contact the church office at [ucchone@frontiernet.net](mailto:ucchone@frontiernet.net). We are looking at our website and hope within the next year to be able to "stream" the Sunday worship and make the web site more interactive. A facebook page is also in the works.

Worship itself will be shaped by technology. Just as the invention of the pipe organ and printing press brought hymnals, personal bibles, and pews to churches 500 years ago, so worship is changing as a result of the present technology. Remember, Georgian chants used to be the standard music and at one time sermons were over an hour long. We will be experimenting with using technology in worship in different ways.

Most of all to be an active, welcoming congregation requires those currently active in the congregation to be inviting and welcoming to one another and to other people. No amount of technological wizardry can replace one person welcoming and taking an interest in another person, inviting a friend to worship, or walking across the dining room during coffee hour and introducing yourself to someone new. No digital recoding can replace one person telling another about how God's grace is at work in their lives or the knowledge that another person is praying for them. No e-mail communication can replicate a hand shake, hug or smile when one human being engages another. These things we all can do.

So I ask you, to take small step or a leap of faith depending on who you are. On Sundays make it a point to make contact with another person in the congregation. You cannot mess it up. If you know someone who might be interested in attending, give them a church brochure and invite tem to come and see and make up their own minds. If we have found this congregation to be a blessing to us, then it is likely that it will be for others.

In the months ahead keep an open mind, an open heart and a sense of humor. May God's Spirit continue to lead us and give us the courage and faith as we minister to one another, this community and our world, in the way Jesus taught us.

Peace, Brian

## TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday mornings you are welcomed to join the Bible Study that goes from 10 to 11:30 am. The group looks at the four lectionary texts for the coming Sunday (one of which the pastor's sermon is based upon.) Discussion is informal and everyone's voice is welcomed. Come every week or come when you can.



## SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR OCTOBER

### October 2

Exod 20:1-4,7-9,12-20  
Psalm 19  
Phil 3:4b-14  
Matt 21:33-4

### October 9

Exod 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6,19-23  
Phil 4:1-9  
Matt 22:1-14

### October 16

Exod 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
1 Thes 1:1-10  
Matt 22:15-22

### October 23

Deut 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thes 2:1-8  
Matt 22:34-46

### October 30

Josh 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7,33-37  
1 Thes 2:9-13  
Matt 23:1-12

## FINANCIAL SECRETARY NEW ADDRESS:

If you need to mail anything to me, please note that I have a **new mailing address**:  
7348 Evert Road, Bloomfield, NY 14469.  
Susan Kraft, Financial Secretary

## SERVING AT SALEM

On Monday, October 3 (first Monday of the each month) volunteers from our congregation participate in the Salem Nutrition Center (Soup Kitchen) noon lunch ministry in downtown Rochester. There are tasks for everyone helping the other volunteer staff to prepare and serve this meal. On that Monday we car pool, leave at 9 am from the church parking lot and return no later than 2:30 pm.

## SUNDAY EVENING COMMUNION WORSHIP: OCT 2, 6:30 PM

We are trying an experiment. On the first Sunday of the month for October, November and December we will be having a communion service at 6:30 pm at the church. This is an opportunity for worship for people who cannot come to worship on Sunday morning, who want to have the sacrament more often or would like a more intimate setting. The worship will include music, prayers, scripture and reflections and be about 40 minutes long.

## TELEPHONE MINISTRY

Callers can dial a telephone number and listen to any functions in the sanctuary using the sound system, i.e.: Sunday worship, weddings, funerals, etc. The equipment operates automatically anytime the sanctuary sound system is used and provides the potential of up to five simultaneous callers. This opportunity is funded by sponsors who pledge to cover the cost of a month; at \$120. Over the last six months the phone lines have been used consistently. If you are interested in sponsoring a month or part of a month, please contact the church office or any of the Board of Christian Stewardship members. A pledge can remain anonymous. If you would like any additional information on the benefits or the technology of this ministry, please contact Charlie Johnstone.

The number to call to listen is

**585-229-2022.**

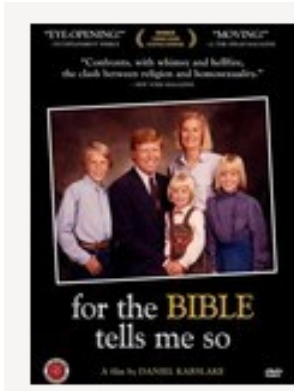


## **OPEN AND AFFIRMING DISCUSSION OPPORTUNITIES**

Most of us would probably agree that our congregation is a welcoming congregation and reflects our denominational tag line that, "**No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey — you are welcome here.**" Many congregations - including our UCC neighbors in West Bloomfield and Lakeville - have chosen to take that welcome a step further by declaring themselves to be "Open and Affirming". To say that a congregation of the UCC is "Open and Affirming" means that it has publicly declared that those of all sexual orientations are welcome in its full life and ministry. It bespeaks a spirit of hospitality and a willingness to live out that welcome in meaningful ways. As a congregation, we are considering becoming an official "Open and Affirming" congregation. Please join in one or more of the opportunities listed below.

### ***Watch the Movie - For the Bible Tells Me So***

In this Sundance documentary, director Daniel Karlslake goes to the **Bible** to examine the ways in which conservative Christian groups have used -- and sometimes exploited -- holy Scripture to deny human rights to gays and lesbians around the world. Highlights include interviews with V. Gene Robinson, the first openly gay bishop in the Anglican Communion, and Chrissy Gephardt, the lesbian daughter of former U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt.



In June Christian Education sponsored a Sunday evening discussion about what it means to become an "Open and Affirming" UCC congregation. The evening included excerpts

from this film - *For the Bible Tells Me So*. However, because of time limitations we were not able to view the film in its entirety. It has recently become available on Netflix both as a DVD and for Instant viewing (streaming). If you have Netflix, you can select this film to be watched.

If you don't have Netflix, on Monday October 17 at 7 pm the Pastor will be showing the film in its entirety at his house (8832 Main St.). You are welcome to come and view it.

### ***Discussions at Church***

The Board of Christian Education will be leading two discussions about becoming an Open and Affirming congregation. The first is scheduled to meet in the library at 9:00 AM before worship on Sunday, October 16. A second discussion opportunity will be scheduled some time in November following worship.

### ***Bible Study***

On Wednesday October 12, from 7:30 to 8:45pm, in the Church Library the pastor is leading a Bible Study to review the passages in the Bible that pertain to homosexuality, to look at them in depth and understand them in the context of where they are found in the Bible, what they actually say and how they are used. The specific passages are Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13 and Romans 1:26-27. Often Genesis 19 is cited.

### ***Review the literature***

On the bulletin board in the hall way across from the church library information is posted about what it means to be an open and affirming congregation. Also, other information can be found near the entrances to the sanctuary.

### ***Talk to a person***

If you want further information about what we are doing, would like to express your concern or support please feel free to speak with Judy Beers or any other member of the Board of Christian Education, Jeff Brown from the Board of Deacons, or speak directly with the Pastor.



**FROM THE FOOD PANTRY!**

We want to thank everyone who donated to our "Back To School" program this year! In total we gave out 60 - \$25 Shoe Dept. gift certificates to some very appreciative kids and parents. I apologize that I was remiss this year and unable to send out individual thank you notes to everyone who donated as I usually do, but please know how very much your donation was appreciated. You are marked forever on our hearts!

Honeoye Unify matched that number with bags of school supplies and also had on hand backpacks, folders, note books, you name it!

All in all it was a very successful program!  
Thanks, Renee & Tom

**BOOK STUDY CONTINUES  
THURSDAYS IN OCTOBER 7 PM**

The book discussion of Barbara Brown Taylor's book entitled, An Altar in the World, A Geography of Fatih will continue in October on Thursday evenings. The author reflects on how from simple practices like walking, working or just paying attention give us opportunity to encounter the holy in the small things we do in our everyday experiences. She helps readers to question the conventional distinctions between the sacred and secular, learning that no physical act is too earthbound or too humble to become a path to the divine. The book offers practices that we can develop to become more into touch with God.

**NURSERY POSITION**

We are looking to hire an adult (over 18) to work in the nursery, beginning immediately. The pay is \$20 for Sunday mornings from approximately 9:45am to 11:15am. Please contact Solon Barnard if interested at [solonb@frontiernet.net](mailto:solonb@frontiernet.net) or 314-1746.

**MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP**

On Thursday mornings at the church, from 10 to 11:15 am or so, an informal men's group will gather for coffee and discussion in the Church Library. The discussion could be about current events, editorials, internet articles and other interests generated by participants in the group or whatever else is going. The coffee will be ready. Questions, see Brian.



*Another Year Older*

- 2 Joshua Ruppert
- 6 Lucas Englehardt
- 7 Alyson Badger
- 8 Adam Stevens, Stacy Lowe
- 12 Zachary Meek, Karin Stevens
- 14 Sheila Mitchell
- 15 Cynthia Smith
- 17 Loraine Sammis
- 18 Dick DeNise, Don Masecar
- 23 Joshua VanAmburg
- 24 Dawn Robinson
- 25 Doug Beers
- 28 Colleen Ewing
- 30 Elin & Jeff Orman, Markus Sauerwein

**Meals on Wheels**

- October 3 Lillian
- 12 NO MEALS
- 17 Kathy
- 24 Ned & Louise
- 31 Donna

**Senior Dining**

Meals in the dining room run Monday — Thursday serving at 12:00noon. 24 Hour advance reservation required call Mon-Thur. OFA phone is 396-4040. All meals are provided through the Office for the Aging of Ontario County.

## *Reach for Me*



Dinner and a movie night begins its sixth season on Saturday evening October 1. Dinner is at 6 pm in the church dining room. Please bring a prepared soup, salad, bread or dessert to share. At 7 pm we move downstairs to our amphitheater which has a big screen, projector and surround sound to watch the movie. Afterwards we return to the dining room for dessert and discussion of the film.

*Reach for Me* is the story of wonderfully irascible Alvin (portrayed by Oscar Nominee Seymour Cassel) who makes life hell for everyone else around him as a terminally ill widower confined to his hospice bed. *Reach for Me* explores the age-old quandary of how we greet our final days- and who will be there with us at the end. This is a stirring, life-affirming drama, with lots of comic relief and has an excellent ensemble cast. The bright-shining love affair between Alvin's young roommate Kevin and his girlfriend Sarah helps Alvin forgive himself and finally discover love that he never knew was so close at hand. Directed by LeVar Burton, filmed in 2008 and newly released on DVD.

Dinner and a movie is on the first Saturday of the month. If you have film suggestions, please see the pastor. The films selected can range from current to classic movies and deal with all sorts of issues and some that are just for fun.

## **VISITING ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION**

Our congregation has a number of people who can no longer come to worship, or participate in the life of the congregation or who are in nursing homes. Visiting people in such situations is an important ministry of the congregation. It would involve visiting the same person once a month or so. The Pastor will guide you and help understand the person visited. Please contact the Pastor about doing this for the congregation.

## **IMAGINING ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE OCTOBER 9**

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** which we will receive on Sunday, October 9, is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Neighbors in Need helps make another world possible. It needs your support. Envelopes will be in the pews for the next few weeks.



## **MISSION: 1 11.1.11—11.11.11**

Over the next six weeks our congregation is joining other UCC congregations across the nation to raise food items, money and hunger awareness with a challenge for each of us to do at least 1 thing to combat hunger. This comes at a very opportune time when our own Honeoye Ecumenical Food Pantry is in desperate need of food. The goal for our congregation and community is 11,111 individual items of food donated by 11-11-11.

The economic crisis has hit people in many different ways and food is one of them. The Honeoye Ecumenical Food Pantry seeks to help people in need of food with emergency aid that helps provide food for several meals. For the first time in its history food stocks are at an all time low because the demand at this time is at an all time high, up 71% over last year.

### ***How can you help?***

- **First**, donate food! When you go shopping, buy extra. See Below\*
- **Second**, donate money! In keeping with Mission 1, consider donating \$111 or \$11 or even \$1 dollar. Our food pantry is part of Foodlink which is a regional center that supplies many food pantries across our area with items donated from grocery stores, manufactures, government surplus and other sources. Also, items that are especially needed can be purchased locally. Checks can be made out to the Ecumenical Food Pantry and send to PO Box 127, Honeoye, 14471.
- **Third**, contact your representatives in Congress. Legislation effects food policy, particularly food for those who are poor and unemployed. Real and proposed budget cuts threaten the most vulnerable. Legislation can make a drastic impact both in our nation and internationally freeing money to help food pantries and families through various programs and agencies. In October a special “How to” packet and workshop will be offered after church on how you can do this. Your letter or e-mail will make a difference for many people.

- **Fourth**, think creatively and make it fun. For instance, skip the daily “snacks” over the next several months try to lose 11 lbs and donate money saved to our local food pantry. Establish a “food collection” box where you work or work out or with other organizations with which you are involved so that others might join in. Instead of going out for dinner one night and donate the money to the food pantry. Volunteer for one hour on Saturday morning and see how our pantry works. Put forth a challenge to your friends to collect 111 items of food together. Keep a spare change jar on your dresser and collect over the next two months the change you have in your pockets at the end of the day. Share your ideas at worship on Sunday.
- **Fifth**, contact Renee or Tom Thornton, the directors of our Honeoye Ecumenical Food Pantry and ask them how you can help out. They have done a marvelous job with this special ministry to our community. There tasks that can help them greatly. Needed especially is a publicity person who can get the word out and...

Food donations can be received at the church near the entrance doors were there is a box for donations. The best place to put food items is outside the food pantry door which is just inside the church street entrance to the church.

\*Our food pantry basically needs every food item except vegetables.

- ◆ Soup (inc tomato and cream)
- ◆ Canned Fruits,
- ◆ Spaghetti Sauce,
- ◆ Baked Goods,
- ◆ Cereal, Oatmeal.
- ◆ Peanut Butter, Jelly/Jam.
- ◆ Pasta (kind of sort of, we have some but it goes fast),
- ◆ Tuna Fish, Canned meats (beef stew, spam, chicken, etc.),
- ◆ Boxed Dinners (Tuna/Hamburg Helper),
- ◆ Tomato Products (paste, sauce),
- ◆ Baked Beans,
- ◆ Crackers



**HONEOYE CHURCH WEBSITE:**

<http://honeoyeucc.org>

Our congregation has had a website for over a year now thanks to Lizz. In addition to general information about our congregation, the monthly newsletter is posted there as soon as it is finished and the calendar as well. We are looking for ways to make it more informative and useful, hopefully with the addition of current news and pictures.

This is a great resource to refer someone to who might be interested in the congregation.

**UNITED CHUCH OF CHRIST WEBSITE:**

<http://www.ucc.org>

Our domination, The United Church of Christ, has a website that focuses on the United Church of Christ across the United States with stories about other local congregations, news of the national church, mission projects, how the UCC helps in disasters, upcoming events and special resources that are available.

There is also a daily devotional that you can receive through your e mail available at <http://www.ucc.org/feed-your-spirit/daily-devotional/> that a number of people in the congregation currently receive.

# Happenings in November



## **ELECTION DAY DINNER NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

### **ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 23**

Begin Thanksgiving by giving thanks. The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service is Wednesday evening, November 23. More details to follow.



### **A LITTLE SAUERWEIN ENTERING OUR WORLD (END OF NOVEMBER)**