

THE NEWSLETTER

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, HONEOYE, NY 14471



Election Day Dinner



November 8, 2011 — 4-7 pm



Turkey with all the trimmings. Volunteers needed. Please see Helen Johnson. Adults \$10. Children \$5.00. 3 and under are free. Take outs available

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 23

Begin Thanksgiving by giving thanks. Allens Hill United Methodist Church is hosting the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship Service this year on Wednesday evening, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Allens Hill and Canadice Methodist, and our church are also participating. If you can sing in the ecumenical choir see Nancy, as we will be having a combined choir from the four churches. The worship is open the whole community so invite your neighbors.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE REV. GLENN EVANS

Saturday, November 5th 1:30 pm. Glenn and Sue were members at Honeoye UCC for several years before moving to Knoxville Tennessee to be close to their son. Glenn died on July 11, after a seven year struggle with melanoma. Glenn served as pastor at the UCC congregation in Savannah (NY), Hall and Bristol, as Chaplain at FLCC and as interim Pastor at Parma Greece. Glenn sang in the choir at Honeoye, preached and led classes at our congregation in his retirement.

If you would like to help we need people to sing in the choir (contact Nancy Pease 229-5302) and prepare for reception afterwards (contact Wendy Krause 229-5292)



Brian's Message

And remember, I am with you always.
(Matthew 28:20)

It is sometimes easy to live in our culture with little thought of God because we all live busy lives with so many options from which to choose. We get distracted from God we know in Jesus Christ. But then we run into that particular difficulty when, all of a sudden, we realize that we need help from the God. Sometimes it is an accident or illness, family problems, or personal crisis that drives us to pray and search for God's grace to be at work in us and in our world. It is in these times we often turn to the church for comfort, guidance and community and the church is there when we come to worship, to find support from others and seek guidance for the living of our lives.

Because we are so easy to be distracted there are also many who are regularly part of this community of faith because we know we need God and one another. We come to worship, participate in congregational life and grow in our faith because the church is integral to our lives. We need that constant reminder and comfort that God is with us always. We have been blessed as a congregation that we have had this ministry here in Honeoye for 157 years.

The Good News of the Gospel we proclaim is that God is always with us and provides for us spiritually, emotionally, and materially, and for everything else we need for life. Our faith calls us to believe that God is the ultimate source of all blessing, indeed of life itself. When we believe that God is with us and provides for us, we are free to be faithful in our giving. When we believe that God is with us and provides for us, we are free to expand our lives into other

people's lives in positive ways by giving of our time, energy, love and material wealth. When we believe that God is with us and provides for us, we are free to let God use us in ways that can change the world as we dare to live by this faith.

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Good News that we proclaim as a congregation. This is the Good News we live out together as a community of faith in very real ways through Sunday worship, Christian Education programs, our ministry to the community and to the world, and in our life together whenever we gather.

In November we ask one another to make a pledge of money to our congregation's ministry. When we give this money it is not just for the church budget, not just so the church can carry on, not just in return for something we receive by participating in this congregation. Giving our money to the church is an act of faith in a Good and Gracious God whom we trust is with us always. As you make your decision, do so out of this trust that God is with you and will provide all you need to face both the joys and difficulties of living in this world. As we give may we celebrate that God presence works through us together, as we together have this ministry we call the United Church of Christ of Honeoye.

Peace, Brian

Avent Begins

November 27



TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

The Bible is often a difficult book to understand, yet it is essential for our discipleship. The Tuesday morning Bible Study is one way to become more familiar, to ask your questions about the Bible, and learn what question to ask the Bible. Discussions can be about most every topic imaginable and everyone's opinion is honored. Come Tuesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the church. We read the lectionary scripture texts for the next Sunday's worship service (printed below). No prior Biblical knowledge required. Expect good, free flowing conversation, laughter and an opportunity to deepen your faith.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR NOVEMBER

November 6

Josh 24:1-3a,14-25

Psalms 78:1-7

1 Thess 4:13-18

Matt 25:1-13

November 20

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalms 100

Eph 1:15-23

Matt 25:31-46

November 13

Judg 4:1-7

Psalms 123

1 Thess 5:1-11

Matt 25:14-30

November 27

Isa 64:1-9

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

SERVING AT SALEM

On Monday, November 7 (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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday evening, November 7, 7:00 p.m. at church

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

NOVEMBER 27

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION



SUNDAY EVENING COMMUNION

WORSHIP: NOVEMBER 6, 6:30 PM

We are trying an experiment in having once a month Sunday evening 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.

OFFICERS AND BOARD

MEMBERS NEEDED

The Nominating Committee will be busy in November asking people to serve our congregation. There are openings on all five boards and a few other positions. If you are interested, contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, Elin Orman or the Pastor.

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.



CONTINUING OUR OPEN AND AFFIRMING DISCUSSION

Christian Ed will be holding another opportunity for conversation in the Library on Sunday November 13 following church (11:15 - 12:15) using people's questions as the basis for discussion.

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

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 you understand the person visited. Please contact the Pastor about doing this for the congregation.



Adopt A Family

FOR THANKSGIVING!

Once again this year we are asking for your support of our annual "Adopt a Family for Thanksgiving" program. If you can help we ask that you please consider donating a Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixin's to a local family in need who otherwise will not enjoy a Thanksgiving meal.

There will be a sign up sheet on the food pantry door if you wish to sign up. Simply sign your name on a numbered slot for how many dinners you wish to donate. Cash donations are also accepted and Tom and I will gladly do the shopping for you. We estimate the cost of a dinner this year to be \$35-\$40 (give or take), but any cash donation is greatly appreciated. We will absolutely ensure no one goes without!

If you donate a dinner please bring it to church Sunday, November 20th before church service. If this does not work for you please let Tom and I know and we will make other arrangements with you.

Recommended items:

- Frozen Turkey (12-16 lbs)
- 5 lb bag potatoes
- Stuffing Mix
- Gravy (1 or 2 cans/jars)
- Canned Vegetables (2 or more cans)
- Dinner Rolls
- Cranberry Sauce/Jelly
- Yams/Squash (or both!)
- Frozen Pie (or 2!)
- Your imagination and TLC!!!

Thank you very much and have a blessed Thanksgiving! Renee & Tom



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.

BOOK DISCUSSION CONTINUES

On Thursday evening, November 3, 7-8:15 we will have on final discussion of An Altar in the World by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Field trip: on Friday, November 4 those who want to can join us in attending a Worship Service at St Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Westminster Rd. Rochester at 7 pm where Barbara Brown Taylor will be preaching. Leave church at 6 pm.

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 or 314-1746.



November 6,
Daylight Saving Time Ends,
set clock's back.
Enjoy your extra hour of sleep.



- 1 Allyson Brown
- 2 Cliff & Steve Roberts
- 5 Diane Arena
- 6 McAndrew Gamrod
- 8 Karen Tyler
- 10 Jim Ruppert, Megan Stevens
- 12 Barb Kennerson
- 13 Donna Cochrane, Jenel Field, Dale Smith
- 14 Betty Ludwig, Doris Severson
- 16 Donna Barnard
- 17 Joan Hohmann
- 20 Ruth Bower
- 21 James Moore
- 22 Alisa Tschorke
- 24 Zachary Stevens
- 26 Michael Tyler
- 28 Lizz VanAmburg
- 29 Jessica Card
- 30 Jakob L. Stevens

Meals on Wheels

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| November | 7 | Lillian |
| | 14 | Kerry |
| | 21 | Kathy |
| | 28 | Ned & Louise |

Senior Dining

Meals in the dining room run Monday — Thursday serving at 12:00noon. 24 Hour advance reservation required call Andrea DiBello at 738-3385. All meals are provided through the Office for the Aging of Ontario County.

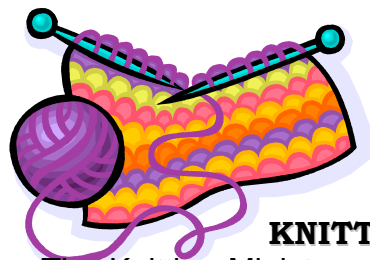
Unconditional Love



Dinner and a movie night begins its sixth season on Saturday evening November 6. 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.

Unconditional Love is a comedy murder-mystery about a woman Grace Beasley (Kathy Bates) a mild mannered Chicago woman whose husband ([Dan Aykroyd](#)) walks out on her. At the same time her favorite Welsh singing star Victor Fox ([Jonathan Pryce](#)), whom she unabashedly worships is murdered by a serial killer in her home town. She finds her placid life turned upside down when she impetuously flies to England for Fox's funeral. Paying an uninvited visit to Fox's countryside estate, she discovers Dirk Simpson ([Rupert Everett](#)), Fox's longtime, secret live-in lover, who's also in a state of shock following the senseless murder. Together, the two team up, traveling back to Chicago to find the murderer who took Fox's life. Guest appearance by Julie Andrews. This 2002 movie is good fun and raises issues about love, change and following one's dreams. Rated PG-13 for thematic elements, sexual content, brief strong language and some violence.

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. Next Movie night: December 3.



KNITTING MINISTRY

The Knitting Ministry continues to meet and we would welcome any interested folk to join us. We typically meet the first Sunday of each month following worship, in the church library. We have recently decided that if that meeting time should fall on a holiday weekend (Labor Day, for example), or conflict with a church-wide program (Advent Event, for example), that we will meet on the second Sunday of the month.

We knit prayer shawls and lap robes that we give to those who are experiencing difficulties in their lives, such as, but not limited to serious health problems. To date we have given nearly (or more than) 100 shawls to members and friends of our congregation.

We have yarn and some needles available and are more than willing to help anyone learn to knit, so please join with us when we meet together on Sunday, November 6.



A LITTLE SAUERWEIN ENTERING OUR WORLD (NOVEMBER 29?)

GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US...

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

This year's Christian Stewardship theme is from Matthew 28:20:

"And remember, I am with you always."

Rochelle A. Stackhouse, Senior Minister of The Church of the Redeemer, UCC in New Haven, CT, reflects on the above verse. "These last words of Matthew's gospel have encouraged and comforted millions of Christians over two millennia. In times of challenge and pain, of doubt and despair, we are called to *remember*, and we remember that Jesus promised to be with us. We celebrate that presence in Holy Communion and whenever two or three are gathered in Christ's name. The church is the living reminder to us of Jesus' words; the community holds the memory

when we struggle; the community holds us when we need holding, vicariously being Jesus for each other. All of us are one in Christ Jesus. We learn from one another, we rejoice with one another and we mourn with one another. We share our resources of imagination, of skills, of time, and of money with one another across the worldwide Christian community. Thanks be to God for our family in Christ!"

Remembering that God is with us always, will help us support the ministry of Honeoye UCC by serving the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of members and friends, as well as the local, national and global community. Whether this is through the knitting ministry, visitation, food pantry, Sunday School, Salem soup kitchen, bible study, Neighbors in Need, church dinners, Sunday worship, bereavement counseling, or Saturday night movies (just to name a few) all of these ministries take time, talent and financial commitment.

By now you should have received a letter from the Board of Christian Stewardship asking for your financial and talent assistance in enabling the ministry of Honeoye UCC. Please plan to complete your pledge card and place it in the offering plate on Stewardship Sunday, November 13th.

As we prepare for Stewardship Sunday, you will continue to hear personal faith stories of

members during "Joys and Concerns." Remember, God is always with us to help us all respond to this request and how each of us will impact the ministries of our congregation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact any of us on the Board of Christian Stewardship.

Donna Barnard	367- 8079
Charlie Johnstone	367-2357
Ellie Jordan	229-2144
Doug Kraft	229-4015
Larry MaGahey	367-9323

HIGHLIGHTS FROM SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 CHURCH COUNCIL

There was lengthy discussion regarding how the excess funds in the Capital Project fund will be used this year. The Finance Committee had met previously to take a look at our financial situation and one of their suggestions was they feel there needs to be a plan in place to designate how excess funds will be distributed. This plan should be a budget item for the annual congregational meeting. This information will be forwarded to the Stewardship Committee for their recommendations.

The Board of Christian Education is continuing with the Open and Affirming discussions. Brian will be leading a bible study pertaining to understanding biblical references to homosexuality.

The Nursery Supervisor position is vacant again and is being advertised. If you know of any qualified person that would be interested please contact Solon Barnard.

There is a need for people to visit those unable to attend church service. If you are interested, please contact Brian.

On the first Sunday of the month, beginning in October, there will be a 6:30 p.m. communion service. This is currently scheduled for October, November, December and January and will continue if there is adequate attendance.

The Board of Deacons is looking into the possibility of streaming the Sunday service on the internet.



MISSION: 1 11.1.11—11.11.11

You are challenged in November to be part of Mission 1 as our congregation joins 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. Mission 1 efforts in our congregation will be for our Honeoye Ecumenical Food Pantry which 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 assist people in need of food with emergency aid that helps provide food for several meals. Demand at this time is at an all time high, up 71 % over last year. You can help.

- ◆ Donate food! When you go shopping, buy extra. Below* is a list of the most needed items.
- ◆ 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, manufacturers, 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 sent to PO Box 127, Honeoye, 14471.
- ◆ 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. On November 6 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

- ◆ Think creatively and make it fun. Share your ideas at worship on Sunday.
- ◆ Contact Renee or Tom Thornton, the directors of our Honeoye Ecumenical Food Pantry and ask them how you can help out.
- ◆ 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.

*Our food pantry basically needs every food item except vegetables. Below are such items in need:

- Soup (including tomato and cream)
- Canned Fruits
- Spaghetti Sauce,
- Baked Goods,
- Cereal, Oatmeal.
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly/Jam
- Pasta
- Tuna Fish
- Canned meats (beef stew, Spam, chicken, etc.)
- Boxed Dinners (Tuna/Hamburg Helper),
- Tomato Products (paste, sauce)
- Baked Beans
- Crackers

EMAILS NEEDED

Due to a recent computer crash many emails were lost. I was able to recover many but not all. The only emails I could recover were on the members and friends list that went out church wide. If your other email was not on there, please send it to me at:

ucchone@frontiernet.net

Thanks, Lizz

