

THE NEWSLETTER

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, HONEOYE, NY 14471

June 1st from
5-7pm



SPAGHETTI DINNER

Proceeds to benefit the Community
Food Pantry.

SUMMER CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The summer children's program will begin **June 5**. There will be **no program** offered on the following **holiday** week-end **Sundays: May 29, July 3, Sep. 4**. All other Sundays, children between the ages of 4 and 8 are welcome to go down for the children's program.

SERVING AT SALEM:

On Monday, **June 6** (first Monday of the month) volunteers from our congregation will participate in the Salem Nutrition Center (Soup Kitchen) noon lunch. You are invited to come. Between 100 and 200 people are fed and there are opportunities for everyone to help the other volunteer staff in preparing and serving this meal. We will car pool, leaving at 9 am from the church parking lot and returning no later than 2:30 pm.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, **June 6** at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

OPEN & AFFIRMING DISCUSSION GROUP

(Sunday, June 5 - 5:00 - 7:00 PM)

Most of us would probably agree that Honeoye UCC 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 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 setting 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.

The Christian Education committee has scheduled an opportunity for those interested in learning more about this important topic to get together and begin dialogue. We'll start with a discussion of our own denominational history and view some brief video biographies. The aim of this initial gathering is to promote greater understanding of the relevant issues and see how becoming an "Open & Affirming" congregation can make a real difference in the lives of individuals.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the dining room to help our committee plan a light supper to share.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Meeting on Sunday, **June 12th** at 9am.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES HONORED

During the Sunday, **June 19th** Worship Service, our high school graduates will be recognized by the congregation. The high school graduates from our congregation are: Melissa Barnard, Lindsey Pestle, Shawn Roberts and Jakob Stevens.





Message From Brian

Being an active part of a community of faith is not an easy task right now

because there are forces in our culture that seem to get in the way of our commitment. These same forces are at work in families, fraternal organizations, business associations, professional groups and even friendships, putting all these on shaky ground. We live in a time of high individualism where we tend to measure everything personally in how it affects our lives. We tend to measure any larger group against how it serves us. As long as we are “getting something out” of our belonging, we are content to remain a participant. When that is no longer the case we tend to decrease our level of commitment. We are also trained to be good consumers. We want to get the most for our investment of time or money or participation. In addition, we don’t like to be uncomfortable and want to avoid pain; sometimes being part of a larger group makes us uncomfortable and can make demands on us. Also, right now in our culture we place a high value on personal freedom and sometimes commitment to others interferes with this freedom. I have only recently understood that we like to keep our options open so that if something better comes along, we can choose it.

This is particularly hard for the church because the values of our Christian faith often are contrary to these values of our current culture. Whereas the forces in our culture stress individualism, Jesus calls us to become part of the Body of Christ, to be brothers and sisters in Christ. Whereas the culture’s values push us to measure and assess the cost of our investment, Jesus calls us to use our gifts in the service of others. Whereas in our culture we are the center of our universe, our faith tells us

that God is the center. Whereas our culture tells us to avoid discomfort and pain, Jesus shows us that out of the crucifixions of life come resurrection and new life. Whereas our culture is all about consumer, Jesus calls us to give of ourselves and not to count the cost. Whereas our culture stresses “keep options open”, Jesus calls us to follow him daily.

I write about these forces in our culture because I know how much they affect me and influence the way I think about things. Daily I struggle to be aware of how they shape my life and decisions. These forces are not all good or all bad. Yet, the problem with these forces is that we often fail to really understand their power and presence in our lives. We rarely question them and accept that this is the way things are supposed to be. We fail to see the downside of the forces.

As a community of faith, our congregation exists because individuals make the commitment to be part of it, even when it conflicts with cultural values. Jesus calls us to a different ethic that often runs counter to the prevailing wisdom of any culture, whether it was the 1st century Roman culture or 21st century America. It is not easy because our God pushes us to become part of God’s transformation of the world. Individually each person can be part of the transformation, but people working together are so much more effective. This is why I believe that to be a Christian it is necessary to be part of a community of faith. Our faith is more than a moral code for behavior; more than a theology that we believe in; more than a community that meets our personal needs of like minded people. We are called to grow, discover our gifts, challenge our beliefs, to invest ourselves in something larger than ourselves. When we commit ourselves to a community of faith we discover God’s Spirit at work. We grow as individuals. We find brothers and sisters. We make a difference in people’s lives. And we discover that God is at work through us.

Peace, Brian

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

On Tuesday mornings, from 10 to 11:30 a.m., you are invited to participate in reviewing the scripture texts for the next Sunday's worship service. The discussion is free and flowing, no prior Biblical knowledge required, only the freedom to ask questions, make comments, laugh and deepen your understanding of the Bible. Come each Tuesday, or as you can. The Pastor leads this group. We will be ending for the summer on June 28.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR JUNE

June 5

Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
1 Pet 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

June 12

Acts 2:1-21
Psalm 104:24-34,36b
1 Cor 12:3b-13
John 20:19-23

June 19

Gen 1:1-2:4a
Psalm 8
2 Cor 13:11-13
Matt 28:16-20

June 26

Gen 22:1-4
Psalm 13
Rom 6:12-23
Matt 10:40-42

MEN'S DISCUSSION GROUP

All men are invited for informal discussion on Thursday mornings at 10 am in the church library. Topics range from local politics, scientific thought, news articles, how to do things, and whatever anyone wants to raise. The coffee with be on. Questions? see Brian.

DINNER AND A MOVIE,

June 4: *The King's Speech*



Dinner is at 6 pm. and is a simple and designated potluck: please bring prepared soup, salad, bread or dessert to share. At

7 p.m. we will move to the "movie theater" in the basement of the Christian Ed building to watch our movie and following the movie we will gather for dessert and discussion.

The King's Speech is a movie based on actual events. It tells the story of the man who became King George VI, ([Colin Firth](#)) the father of Queen Elizabeth II. After his brother abdicates, George ('Bertie') reluctantly assumes the throne of the British Empire. Plagued by a dreaded stammer and considered unfit to be king, Bertie engages the help of an unorthodox speech therapist named Lionel Logue ([Geoffrey Rush](#)). Through a set of unexpected techniques, and as a result of an unlikely friendship, Bertie is able to find his voice and boldly lead the country through war.

The movie won numerous awards including twelve nominations for Oscars winning four including Best Picture, Best Actor, Best Director and Best Screenplay. The movie is rated PG-13.

Our Dinner and a Movie will take the summer off and resume again on October 2. If you have any questions or movie suggestions, contact the pastor.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Mary Watson on Saturday, **June 25th** at 1pm here at the church.



BLOOD DRIVE

The blood drive with be held at the church on Thursday the **23rd** of **June**.

Meals on Wheels

May	6	Ned & Louise
	13	Donna
	20	Kerry
	27	Kathy

Meals in the dining room run Monday — Thursday serving at 12:00noon. 24 Hour advance reservation required call Karen Patterson [683-4221](tel:683-4221) Mon & Tuesday. Call Dawn DiPilato [944-2836](tel:944-2836) Wed & Thur. Kitchen phone is 229-2201. All meals are provided through the Office for the Aging of Ontario County.

NEW YORK CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

Ginny DeNise and Brian will be the delegates from our congregation to the Annual Meeting of the NY Conference at Silver Bay, NY the first weekend in June. This is a meeting with representatives of the 220 UCC congregations in NY State. There are the usually business issues and well as workshops and speakers. This year we are considering a plan that involves some restructure and redeployment of Conference staff.

GENERAL SYNOD 28, NATIONAL UCC MEETING

Our pastor is a delegate to the 28th General Synod of the UCC in Tampa, Florida. The best way to find out more about General Synod is to go to the UCC website. There are several resolutions being presented, including the reorganization of the various national church boards into “unified governance.” The Synod meets July 1-6. For questions about General Synod, see Brian.

NY/HELP HONDURAS TRIP

The next NY/HELP Honduras trip is scheduled for August 8 through August 20. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please contact Gordon & Ginger Comstock at gkcomstock@gmail.com or David Makepeace at dmakepeace@livoniacsd.org for more

information. We will be posting more information about this trip in the near future.

June

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- 2 Gavin Blackmer
 - 3 James Fulmer
 - 4 Susan Kraft
 - 6 David Fox
 - 8 Debra Meek
 - 12 Darlene Tschorke
 - 15 Garry Wohlschlegel, Madelyn Brown, Betty Read
 - 18 Gerald Turner
 - 21 Kendall Keyes
 - 23 Marcia Walter
 - 24 Dianna Galante, Mark Andrews
 - 25 James T. Fulmer
 - 26 Peter Nilsson, Nancy Pease, James Mitchell
 - 27 Megan Badger, Genevieve Johnson, Barbara Bott
 - 29 Ruth Sauerwein
 - 30 Zachary Krause

E MAIL AND STREET ADDRESSES

We would like to keep our e mail list and street addresses up to date. If you have made changes this year in either, please contact the church office. We have a congregation wide e-mail contact list to be used as needed for quick communications. If the church office does not have your e-mail address or you have changed it recently please contact the Church Office at 229-5302 or ucchone@frontiernet.net



CHURCH WEBSITE:

<http://honeoyecc.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 CHURCH 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 like the General Synod 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.

DUNKIRK CONFERENCE CENTER CAMPS 2011

Want to learn how to ride a horse? We have a weekend camp for you. Like to play soccer, swim, bike or scrapbook? We have all new week-long camps just for you. Our traditional youth and family camps offer you fun, fellowship and friendships. All new week-long campers get 50% off full fees. Discounts are also available.

If you are interested in obtaining more information, please see Brian in the office or go on line: www.dunkirkcc.com



COMMUNITY BAND

The Honeoye Community Band is ready to begin another Summer Concert Season. The first rehearsal will be Tuesday, June 21st at 7pm at the Honeoye High School Band Room. The band is led by John Trowbridge who may be reached at jtrowbridge@rochester.rr.com or 229-4590. Members range from those attending Middle School through those with many years of musical experience. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact John. We welcome musicians from surrounding towns! Get your instrument out of the back of the attic, brush off the dust, and join in. The more the merrier, literally!

TELEPHONE MINISTRY

The Board of Christian Stewardship is seeking pledges to continue a project that has been approved by the Church Council. Callers can dial a telephone number and listen to any functions in the sanctuary using the sound system, IE: 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. The Council approved that the on-going monthly telephone service costs be funded by sponsors who pledge to cover the cost of a month; approx \$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.



May 12th, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings from Habitat for Humanity- Ontario County Affiliate! As the year 2011 progresses there is much excitement at Habitat for Humanity. We are pleased that God has allowed us the opportunities to serve Him and His people of Ontario County.

Plans are well underway for a House Build in Geneva this year. Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Lapp Family will be June 5th at 2:00 PM at 24 Hawkins Avenue

Brothers and Sisters, we are excited about the opportunities God has presented to us in Geneva to serve Him and His people. If you would like to help with this mission – with your time, talent, finances or prayers, please contact us. Together we can make a difference in our community. With many talents, many hands, and many prayers much can be done to improve the lives of God's people.

Should you have any questions about Habitat for Humanity- Ontario County or our plans to serve please feel free to visit our website <http://www.hfhoc.org/>, call our Office (585) 425-8960, visit with us at our Monthly meeting, or call/email me, Ken Allen, at 585/398-3918 or kenneallen@frontiernet.net

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Friendship circle sent 41 health kits and \$82 for extra kits to Church World Services.

Thank you!

Also, sign up for our 2nd road rally on June 29th and see where Helen tells you to go this year.



West Bloomfield Congregational Church will be hosting VBS this summer! The church will be transformed into the Big Apple **August 1-5th** 12:30 - 3:30, as we explore the *Big Apple Adventure!* VBS is FREE and is for all area children pre-k through 5th grade. Older children are welcome and encouraged to be volunteers. We will also be in need of several adult volunteers. (Nursery care will be available for any young child whose parent is a volunteer.) A planning meeting will take place soon. Please let Sarah Williams know if you can available to help in any way. wbsundayschool@yahoo.com. Registration forms will soon be on the church's website at www.steeplepeople.org.

CONFIRMATION PARAGRAPHS

Below are the paragraphs that members of this year's confirmation class wrote about their experience in confirmation and church. There were eight youth. :

Confirmation has been a very good experience for me the past 9 months. Our church community has been very welcoming and helpful every since I was a little girl coming here. I still remember all the Christmas Pageants and skits that we have done throughout the years. I have grown up here and met many friends that I don't go to school with. I can not believe how much I have learned about myself, god, church and life. Before I decided to be part of the confirmation class I was very hesitant because I was not sure how much I wanted to be apart of this process. I was scared I wouldn't know what I was doing or what I was getting myself into. For the most part it

was very convenient with school, sports and my work schedule and I was very glad that I decided to do this.

Throughout this process I feel like I have gained so much more within myself. I believe that I learned a lot through Personal Ministry. Albert Schweitzer talked about personal ministry, where he said: "*I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve.*" This says to me that no one knows how their life will end up but if you do not try you will never know. I also learn to do what is best and it will take you throughout life by helping others and yourself.

In the beginning it was really hard for me to figure out what my gifts were. Renne Thornton had so many gifts that she could say about me and when she asked me to tell her what my gifts were I couldn't think of any because I didn't know what they were. Renne helped me figure out that I am very gifted and I can do anything I put my mind to. She is a great example of that because she devotes her life to the food pantry, by helping others make their lives better. She is someone that will do anything for you if she can. Without Renne I would probably still not think I had any gifts of my own, but through her help I have learned how to put my gifts to good work in helping myself be better and to make other people feel good too!

Confirmation has made me view church and life in a different way because I have viewed many things differently. The way I do things and the way I react to different situations. When I was a baby I was baptized by Pastor Brian Krause and now 16 years later I am being confirmed by him. All in all I have learned many life lessons about myself that will stay with me forever and I am happy that I decided to be involved in Confirmation and anyone would be glad to be apart of this!

~Taylor Pestle

In confirmation this year I have learned lots of valuable information and life lessons. I learned that greed has terrible consequences but it is never too late to ask for forgiveness. Most importantly I learned to be more accepting and respectful of other religions. I feel this is critical because we all live in the same world. That is what I have learned in confirmation this year.

I would also like to thank you for all of the time and work you put into confirmation.

~Joshua VanAmburg

This past year I have participated in a very interesting and eye-opening experience. Through the process of confirmation I have learned so much about life and who I am. I now feel a deeper connection to God and I have learned that He is always there, listening, and always forgiving. Traveling to various other churches has opened my eyes to the similarities and differences of different religions. This congregation is also always here for me and it's such a great group of loving individuals. Doing the right thing and helping others are two life lessons, which I have learned through confirmation. I have come to the realization that Church is not just a place I go on Sundays, but it's a place I am always welcomed and accepted. The Church is a safe place that will help me get through anything and support me through everything. I am proud to be confirmed today and thank you to everyone who has gotten me here. Especially thank you to my mentor Heather Roller, Brian, and my parents. I have grown as a person through confirmation and I am very honored to be where I am today.

~Hannah Orman

I think that the most significant thing that I learned this year is about life and doing the right thing. All my life I've been told to do the right thing; not until this year have I found that when thinking about a decision, do I really focus on what right or wrong. I know that I have made poor decisions in the past and I will in the future

because nobody's perfect. But after this experience, I have found myself putting more thought into how what I am doing will affect myself, others, and my relationship with God. Sometimes there are things that people other than God and myself will not know about but I think that makes you feel even better about doing the right thing.

~ *Julia Barnard*

Going through the confirmation process I've learned a lot. Being part of the UCC gives me the sense of togetherness and family. In the process of growing up, I've learned to make choices. One of my choices in life was to get confirmed and to belong to a community. I've learned that many people have different cultures and customs. I've learned about how to use my gifts and know about my weaknesses. This whole process has taught me a lot about life and about my religion.

~ *Megan Stevens*

Over the great learning experience of being in confirmation has helped me to learn that religion is not just about coming to church every Sunday. It is more than that. It is about learning the practices of God and praying, but not just praying when you want to or think you need to. It is about practicing the way of God by praying on a regular basis so that you can reach out to him.

~ *Divento Geiger*

My most significant learning about God in confirmation class was reading and talking about the Gospel of Luke. Reading Luke from beginning to end and thinking about each part made me understand things I had not thought about before. I also learned more about the teachings of Jesus. Confirmation class also taught me a lot about myself and my belief in God.

~ *McAndrew Gamrod*

I have been a part of this church my whole life. Many of you may know me now from helping with Sunday

School, singing in the choir, or maybe even serving you a donut at coffee hour. But this church is more than that for me. It has become a place where I can feel welcomed and loved for who I am!

I have been able to create many memories here. First being my first of many Christmas plays, where I got to be an angel and Mom even let me wear makeup! A few years later I got to read in front of the church and help the Sunday service go on. I have even gotten in trouble a few times in church. Hannah and I thought it would be fun to army crawl under the pews...that is until we got caught. We also tried to skip Sunday school to go out to the playground. But, like always, we were caught and our big sisters ruined all the fun. Through all the memories, it's really been the people in this congregation that have made growing up here unforgettable! Walking in to the doors Sunday morning, getting greeted by a new smiling face, getting weekly Grace Jackson, Beth Stowe, and Carol Brown hugs, and meeting new people who I know will make a difference in my life like all the rest of you!

All through confirmation I have learned many things. I learned that it's okay to pray, even if you don't know what you are doing, God is always listening. I have also learned that being a Christian is more than just going to church on Sunday morning. I am a child of God and now it's official!

Thank you to all of the people in this church for supporting me and loving me for ME! I would especially like to thank Joan and Brian for helping me through this and being wonderful teachers.

~ *Shannon Ewing*

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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