

THE NEWSLETTER

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, HONEOYE, NY 14471

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

March 9th is Ash Wednesday. There will be worship at 7:15 pm. in the Taize style in the sanctuary in semi-darkness and candlelight with ashes. The music is simple intermixed with prayers, readings, ritual and silence. Almost pot luck dinner before hand. (see below)

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 will be around current events, editorials, internet articles and other interests generated by participants in the group. Come and see. The coffee will be ready. Questions, see Brian.



MARDI GRAS PARTY

To begin the Lenten Season – the Board of Community Life is hosting a Mardi Gras party on Sunday, March 6th after worship. The celebration will include party favors, masks, beads and decorations. For luncheon – there will be a New Orleans' style Chicken Gumbo Creole with a special King's Cake. Then join us for an exciting game of Bunko for prizes. The Board of Community Life

ALMOST POTLUCK LENTEN DINNERS PLUS

During Lent there will be three Wednesday dinners with a program to follow. The purpose of these dinners is for people to get to know one another better, to share some simple food and reflect in some way upon our faith journeys. A simple dinner will be provided (free will donation). If possible, please call (229-5302) or email ucchone@frontiernet.net the church office by the Tuesday before so we can plan accordingly (we will plan for a few last minute extras). If you want to bring a side dish or dessert to share you are most welcome to do so. Dinner is at 6:15 pm. The program starts at 7:15 and will be over by at 8 pm.

If you want to come to the Ash Wednesday Worship or just the discussion this is fine also.

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Dinner</u>	<u>Program 7:15p</u>
March 9	6:15 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
March 30:	6:15pm,	Talking About God
April 13:	6:15 pm,	The Violence of Busyness

March 2 from 5-7pm



Spaghetti Dinner



Message from Brian

The season of Lent is late this year. You may or may not notice. As our culture increasingly become more secularized, we are more aware of March madness (basketball), the first day of Spring and St. Patrick's Day than we will of Ash Wednesday or the season of Lent. I remember when most of my sixth grade class showed up for school late with ashes on their foreheads and they were excused for being late. Now 80% of children under the age of 20 either have no regular contact with a religious institution or only a passing one at best.

To be a follower of Jesus in our culture takes a concerted effort. We choose to be Christian. This was the way the early church existed in the Roman world before the Emperor Constantine made Christianity the religion of the Roman Empire. A person chose to be Christian against this empire that worshiped the emperor, which gloried violence and that sought to distract people with spectacular entertainment and full bellies. These early Christians faced rejection from their neighbors, families and often were persecuted. Yet, early Christianity flourished. Why? Because it offered an alternative way of life based on love, forgiveness, concern for others, hope and trust that God was at work in the world transforming it. The Christian faith offered a Savior that turned the values of the Roman world upside down. These things are still at the heart of the Christian faith.

Lent comes and how will we observe it? During the past year, I have been giving much thought to the busyness that inflicts most of us. Last year, after being away five weeks in Honduras last year and then coming home I

was overwhelmed with the pace most people live. I became aware of it again when I was laid up with my accident. After both occasions I was also aware of how fast I found myself caught up in the rush and my schedule became overfilled.

Lately, maybe because I cannot keep the pace I once did, I find myself thinking that I am doing myself violence. Busyness, the pace at which most of us we live is accelerating year by year. We accept it as the norm as if there is nothing we can do about it. But who says we have to be as busy as we are? Who keeps our schedules? And what are busy doing? What is it about busyness that is so seductive that we find ourselves so caught that we feel like we have lost control?

Two thoughts. First, we live in a culture that offers many options. This will not change and choice options will multiply faster than cell phones do. There is part of us that wants to take advantage of everything life offers so we pick up the pace so that we might experience more options that life offers. But there comes a point when keeping the schedule becomes more important that what we are doing. We mistake doing a lot of activities with living. The assumption is that that somehow we can make our lives richer, happier or more meaningful by adding more activities to our lives. Yet, most people do not seem any happier, just more frantic. In our quest for more, we fail to enjoy the life we have been given.

Second, this is not good for our souls. The truth of Christianity and most of the other great religions of the world is that happiness, joy, life or "salvation" is not found outside of ourselves. It can't be purchased with money or time or our busyness. Life comes to us as a gift from within, from our relationships with God and other people. This is what Lent is truly about. It is a time of reflection and slowing down, to examine all that we do in light of this gift of life that God has given 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. **Please note**, if Honeoye Central School is closed for snow day, there will be no Bible Study.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR MARCH

March 6

Ex 24:12-18

Psalms 2

2 Pet 1:16-21

Matt 17:1-9

March 20

Gen 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Rom 4:1-5, 13-17

John 17:1-9

March 13

Gen 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Rom 5:12-19

Matt 4:1-11

March 27

Ex 17:1-7

Psalms 95

Rom 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Meet Sunday after worship, March 13 11:15am -1:00pm after worship in the downstairs theater.

WINTER PARKING

Winter always provides a challenge in the parking lot. If you are steady of balance and sure of foot consider parking farther away from the church building so those who have more trouble walking can park closer. Also, be on the lookout for those who might need a steadying arm as you enter and leave the church building.

BOARD. OF CHRISTIAN ED MEETING

March 20 at 9 AM in the conference room.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR INPUT NEEDED

At the congregational meeting in January we voted to hire a part time Christian Education Director this summer to help enhance our Sunday School Program beginning in September. We have a draft job description that needs more work before we begin the process of searching for a person to fill this position.

We need your wisdom in this process. Please consider.

1. Reviewing the Draft Christian Education Job description. You should have received an email to this effect in the past two weeks. If you do not have e mail, call or stop by the church office for one. Please review it and send on the comments either by e mail or drop off. Please get comment in by March 24.
2. We are forming a task force to refine the description more once comments are in and then to lay out a plan for hiring. If you are interested in serving on this, please contact Beth Stowe or the Pastor. We will meet after Worship and Sunday School on March 27 in the Conference Room at the church.

SERVING AT SALEM

On Monday, February 7, and on the first Monday of the each month you are invited to participate in the Salem Nutrition Center (Soup Kitchen) noon lunch ministry. We will car pool on February 7, leave at 9 am from the church and return no later than 2:30pm. Please contact Brian (229-5302) if you have questions.

MEDITATION & REFLECTION

On Sunday, March 20, a meditation and reflections group will be presented by The Board of Christian Education. The program will include a hot soup lunch for participants, meditation and journaling exercises. Please join us from 11:30-1:30 PM as we go within during this lenten season.



DINNER AND A MOVIE: *PRIEST*

Come for an evening of good food, good company and a good movie this Saturday evening, March 5 at church. All are welcome for dinner and a movie. Dinner will at 6 p.m. and be simple and designed potluck: please bring prepared soup, salad, bread or dessert to share. At 7 p.m. we will move to the church movie theater with a large screen, theater seating and surround sound.

Priest is a 1994 British drama that a Roman Catholic priest as he struggles with two issues that precipitate a crisis of faith. Father Greg Pilkington, newly assigned to St. Mary's parish in inner-city Liverpool, is startled to discover Father Matthew Thomas is engaged in a sexual relationship with rectory housekeeper. Father Thomas is a left-wing radical and an outspoken proponent of Liberation Theology, leading his to constant clashes and bickering with the Bishop. While Father Greg's personal traditional conservatism and religious beliefs are offended by the older priest's blatant disregard for his vow of celibacy, yet Greg struggles with his own homosexuality and develops a relationship with a another man.

Father Greg faces another crisis. A student in the confessional told Greg that she is the victim of sexual abuse by her father. Father Greg is required to honor the sanctity of the Sacrament of Penance and not reveal what he has been told, despite the fact the girl is suffering emotionally and physically. Events move along to a dramatic conclusion.

This movie is rated R. It deals with the uncomfortable issues of sexual abuse and homosexuality as well as what it means to be the church and how to respond as Christians to several issues presented in the movie. It is well done and ends with a great scene that is nothing less than pure grace.

April 2 will be our next dinner and a movie. If you have any suggestions for a movie to watch, the pastor is always interested. The movies chosen are not necessarily "religious" movies

but will deal with social, interpersonal, spiritual or personal struggle, or just for fun.



March

- 3 Beth Elizabeth Meek
- 5 Marge Schneider, Solon Barnard, Sara Tompkins
- 7 Tyler Hodgeman
- 10 Robbie Nilsson
- 10 Jan Petty
- 13 Matthew Thornton
- 15 Danielle Ruppert, Judy Beers, Debra Nilsson
- 16 Joyce Zilaitis
- 20 Mary Watson
- 22 Mary Wood, Jonathan Fulmer, Jennifer Wohlschlegel, Taylor Pestle
- 23 Patti Ruppert
- 25 Howard Barnard, Scott Pestle
- 30 Glenn Evans
- 31 Beth Tyler



Meals on Wheels

- March 7 Lillian
- 14 Donna
- 21 Kerry
- 28 Andrea

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.

NAME TAGS AND WELCOMING STRANGERS

“When I was on sabbatical in 2010 I visited different churches to worship. Within the first several minutes I could tell how welcoming a congregation was or was not. In the ones that were welcoming, people smiled at me, said hello and acknowledged my presence. The people next to me introduced themselves and generally invited me to coffee hour or whatever else was happening after worship. As a stranger, nametags were extremely important (like everyone else I have trouble remembering people’s names when first introduced). Name tags allowed me to associate names with faces and helped me get to know people.”

So.....Are we a welcoming congregation? I would hope that we are. It is far better to err on the side of being overly welcoming than not welcoming at all. Wear your name tags as a sign of welcome and as a sign that you are a part of this congregation. If you need one, contact the church office.

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 Lizz in the Church Office at 229-5302 or ucchone@frontiernet.net



Time to
Spring Ahead

MARCH 13

TELEPHONE MINISTRY

The Board of Christian Stewardship is seeking pledges to fund a project that has been approved by the Church Council. This is one of the projects identified by the "Casting Your Nets" initiative as highly desirable by those who participated in two retreats. 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. Per the Church Council, the memorial fund paid for the one time expense of the equipment installation, \$2,900; this includes the installation of the telephone lines. The initial installation 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. 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.

DUNKIRK CONFERENCE CENTER CAMPS 2011

Want to learn how to ride a horse? We have a weekend camp for you. Itching for family camp in the spring and just can't wait till July? Try our mini-camp over Memorial Day weekend – you will explore every inch of our 110 acres.

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 Lizz in the office or go on line: dunkirkcc.com.

HELP WANTED!

The trustees would like to say THANK YOU to the many individuals who have completed a project on our list. There are many more opportunities for your participation as the Board identifies more projects needing attention in and around our church building! We are blessed to have many capable individuals in our congregation who we hope will choose a project and take responsibility for its completion. The chosen project would be done at your own pace, the supplies provided by the church. Please see the proposed list of projects below and on the bulletin board in the dining room. If you are interested simply sign your name next to a project. See Linda Johnstone or Bob Stowe for further details:

- ◆ Paint entry hall- 2 or 3 dedicated experienced painters could coordinate this project to fit their own schedules!
- ◆ Education wing men's room toilet paper holder repair
- ◆ Replace entry door to outside storage room
- ◆ Install flooring in education wing janitor's closet
- ◆ Music room shelf
- ◆ Paint exterior ceiling of main entry area
- ◆ Education wing bathroom facelift – if you can paint or install a sink please consider volunteering for a portion of this project
- ◆ Electronic documentation of church property and contents

Thank you, Board of Trustees

SUMMARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

The 2009 surplus has been distributed as follows: \$1,068.50 to the Local Ministry, \$534.50 to the Honduras fund and \$534.50 to the Heifer Project.

The Church Council members discussed the fact that because the February Spaghetti Supper was cancelled, due to inclement weather, the Red Cross and Bus Tokens would not receive their donation. It was decided that the proceeds from the March supper will be donated and equally divided between the Red Cross and Bus Tokens instead of giving to the UCC General Fund.

Moderator Bobbi Wohlschlegel requested names to fill vacancies on the 2011-12 nominating committee.

“One Great Hour of Sharing” is scheduled for April 3; additional information will be coming.

“Strengthen The Church” has been added to the church contributions bringing the church active in the Five for Five designations. This contribution will take place in May.

We would like to see another rummage sale this year and Bobbi will contact church members to see if anyone would be interested in managing this project.

The Christian Education Director position is currently in the next phase and an update email will be going out within the next two weeks.

Church Council meetings for 2011 will be February 7, April 4, June 6, September 12 and November 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room

Ash Wednesday will be March 9, 2011.

MARKUS' ORDAINATION



new congregation in Emmerichenhain, Germany.

A delegation of eleven people from Honeoye had decided to come to Germany for the ordination. They had secretly planned this journey since October 2010 and told me about their plans in late 2010. Luckily, we could manage to keep it secretly until the day before the ordination.

On Saturday night (the night before the ordination) finally all people from Honeoye had arrived (the blizzard in the US had postponed almost all flights). That night we surprised Markus in a restaurant in our town. I had asked him to go out for dinner. When we entered the restaurant, Markus found himself standing in front of 11 people from Honeoye and boy, he was stunned!!! It took him some minutes to finally realize that all those people had come all the way across the Atlantic Ocean to Germany to attend his ordination.

He was absolutely touched by so much love! It was wonderful!!!

On Sunday, 2pm the ordination took place. The service was very festive and touching. The regional minister who ordained Markus had four assistants whom Markus had named beforehand: a friend from University, Markus' mentor from the training congregation, the minister who had actually encouraged Markus to start studying Theology, and the head of the church council of his new congregation.

After the service a reception with official speeches, coffee, and cake took place in the fellowship hall next to the church.

After the reception was over at about 6pm, we held an open house for all our family and friends, and whoever wanted to come over to the parsonage. That way, everybody could take a look at our new home. We served wine, beer and pizza from our local pizza place and tried to get the chance to talk to everybody. It was a very full open house. On top of our friends from Honeoye, from University, highschool and our families, 30 people from the training congregation had come to attend the ordination. So at times there were about 60 people gathered in kitchen, hallway, living room and dining room.

On Monday Markus and I spend the day together with all the people from Honeoye in Wetzlar, a town with a historic old city and also the town where I was born. After that we went back and had a typical German supper at the parsonage.

The weekend of the ordination was a wonderful experience for Markus and me, too. We feel blessed with all those wonderful people whom we have met along the way. And Honeoye was a very, very big step on that way. Ruth



If anyone would like to keep in touch with Markus and Ruth or just get updates on their new journey, you can go to their blog site:

<http://www.markus-und-ruth.blogspot.com/>

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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.....Karinda Trowbridge
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Coordinators:Beth Stowe
.....Jill Potts,
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Linda Johnstone
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Donna Barnard
Christian Ed.:Judy Beers
Community Life: ...Helen Johnson

Committee Chairpersons

Floral:Wendy Krause
Memorial:Betty Read

Schedule room call:...229-5302

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March 2011



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 5-7pm Spaghetti Dinner 	3 10a Men's Discussion Group	4	5 Movie Priest 6:00pm
6 10:00A Worship 8:30a Choir 11:15a Mardi Gras Party 	7 9:00a Salem Soup Kitchen	8 10:00a Bible Study 6:15p Bells	9 6:15 dinner  Ash Wednesday	10 10a Men's Discussion Group	11	12
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