

THE NEWSLETTER

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST, HONEOYE, NY 14471



SAVE THE DATE!!!!

MAY 1st, Blue Jean Sunday

Please join together for some spring-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

SERVING AT SALEM:

On Monday, **May 2** (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.



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The Spring Rummage sale will be held Friday, May 13th from 9 am to 2 pm and Saturday, May 14th from 9 am until noon. Friday will feature a Bake sale in the morning and Saturday will be a bag sale. We need your help to sort, organize, price and cash out. Please sign up in the dining room or contact Nancy Apolito 703-7558 or Cindy Smith at 229-4569. Remember to bring in your gently used items any time after church on May 7th through May 12th. Please no computer monitors, TVs or non-working electronics.



Come join us on May 22nd as we explore the Old Testament stories we've learned throughout the year

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY, MAY 22

On May 22, eight young adults will be confirmed into membership in our congregation. They have been working with their mentors and meeting as a class with the pastor. They are: Taylor Pestle (Renee Thornton), Shannon Ewing (Joan Hohmann), Julia Barnard (Nancy Apolito), Hannah Orman (Heather Fulmer), McAndrew Gamrod (Tom Thornton), Divonte Geiger (Mike Baker), Joshua VanAmburg (Solon Barnard) and Megan Stevens (Elin Orman)..



Message From Brian

It is my observation that May is the busiest month of the year. Some people would argue that December is because of

Christmas. But I have observed that May is the busiest for most people, myself included. Why? Because not only do we do the things we usually do the rest of the year, like our work, caring for family, chores in the house, and all the other things that normally fill our weeks, but we also add the outdoor chores. These vary greatly but we feel a pressure to pick up the yard after winter, rake the lawn, clean out gutters, unbury, wash and set out the lawn furniture (yet, rarely have the time to enjoy them), clean out the garage, vacuum the cars, prepare and plant the gardens, deal with the lawn mower, wash windows, put in screens, get the boat ready for summer, and I am tired already just listing these things.

But there is a more subtle busyness, perhaps a good busyness. It comes especially after our long winter like we have had when we can be outside in the good weather without bundling up, just to enjoy the warmth and the sun. During May it seems like a crime to have to be inside on a nice sunny day. So we add a few more things to our to do list, like go for a walk or a bicycle ride, sit by the lake, plan a family outing, go to the garden nursery and get a few plants, take the kids to the playground, take an early morning canoe ride (or at least think about it) and make plans for family and friends for Memorial Day weekend.

In the midst of it all, the trees unfurl their leaves as if by miracle. Tulips grace our gardens, coming up year after year. The grass turns greener. Neighbors stand talking to neighbors who they have only seen in passing

all winter long. The birds greet our ears with their early morning chorus the first night we leave the window open a bit for the fresh air. The evenings grow longer and we watch a sunset for the joy of it. Wildflowers decorate the road side. Our bodies begin to feel stronger because we are doing more. Love is in the air too. We hear children outside playing. Birds are nesting. There in wonder in the world, and, if we are lucky or blessed, there will be wonder in us.

Wonder is the joy and real stuff of life that makes life worth living, whether it is the wonder of the natural world, the joy of watching children play, holding hands still after years of marriage, or rejoicing to just be alive on a glorious day. It is in wonder that we meet God and open ourselves to the fullness of God's grace and discover again that life is sacred.

The Psalmist wrote, "This is the day that the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it." The psalmist must have written this in the month of May. If we let the busyness that so easily overtakes us get in the way of enjoying the gift of any day, we do ourselves an injustice. In May, it is probably criminal. I hope that you can find a little bit of time every day in May to pause and see that it is not busyness that gives us life or makes our life full. It is in our appreciation of each day is a gift. Be still long enough to rejoice, to wonder and to give thanks to God and in this we find blessing and know again that we are blessed.

Peace, Brian

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.





Please join Mark & Val Andrews in celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary on **May 15th**. The festivities will be held at the church from 3-6pm and music will be provided by The Country 5. Please, no gifts.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for someone to help coordinate the American Red Cross blood drives that are sponsored by our church. If interested, contact Ruth Bower 367-2435 or Joan Hohmann 229-4542.

INTERFAITH BOOK STUDY OFFERED

The Board of Christian Education, in an effort to provide an introduction to interfaith study, is promoting participation in a book study, sponsored by the Center for Interfaith Dialogue at Nazareth University on **May 18, 7:00-8:30**. Join a group of fellow UCC parishioners as we participate in a review of the book, Reclaiming Beauty for The Good of the World: Muslim & Christian Creativity as Moral Power by George Dardess & Peggy Rosenthal. See flyer on the bulletin board for complete details. Note: Book can be ordered through the Nazareth College Bookstore (details enclosed) or on Amazon.



Interested in participating? See sign-up sheet in the dining room or contact Debby Baker: debbybaker@hughes.net or Judy Beers: jbeers@frontiernet.net. If interested, we'll carpool to Nazareth on the 18th.

DINNER AND A MOVIE: DEATH AT A FUNERAL (BRITISH VERSION)

Saturday, **May 7** is dinner and a movie night.



Come for dinner at 6 pm. Dinner is simple and designed 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. If you have children, but no baby sitter, there will be childcare during the movie.

Death at a Funeral (British version- 2007) is a macabre comedy surrounding a funeral. Daniel ([Matthew Macfadyen](#)) is a decent young man, married to Jane, still living at his father's home. When his father dies, it is up to him to organize his funeral. On this painful morning, with suitable grave expression on his face, Daniel is ready to welcome his father's friends and relatives. But preserving the dignity inherent in such circumstances will be a hard task. Particularly with an undertaker who botches his work, the return from the USA of his famous but selfish brother, his cousin's fiancé who has accidentally ingested drugs, the presence a moron who takes advantage of the sad event to win back the heart (or rather the body) of a woman who is about to marry another, of a handicapped old uncle who is also the most unbearable pain in the neck. To cap it all, Daniel notices the presence among the mourners of a mysterious dwarf nobody else seems to know... All these characters contribute to a strange mixture of a very funny story. (Rated R)

On the first Saturday of the month each month we will have "Dinner and A Movie." These will be movies for adults both recent and past. June 4 will be our next dinner and a movie. If you have any movie suggestions, contact the pastor.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

It is hard to believe the Sunday School year is coming to an end. It has been so much fun. Our final Sunday will be May 15th and we intend to go out with a bang. On that note...we hope you all will join us on that special day.

The OT6 (as Markus deemed it) was the title for the lessons this year. We explored six Old Testament stories throughout the year. We learned about Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Jacob, Joseph and ended with Moses. We meandered through each character's struggle and took time to explore their connections to each other, to God and to ourselves. The stories and characters were so vivid and God's presence in each story was so powerful that the children couldn't help but become intrigued.

We had 2 goals for the children this year. First, was for them to learn some concrete facts about the bible stories of the Old Testament. We wanted them to be able to name names, to understand different places, to be able to recite one or two events that took place in each story. Second, we wanted the children to really explore the struggle in each story, to question the choices each character made, to find God in each conflict and to acknowledge the sad parts of the Old Testament stories, so in turn they could rejoice in the happy parts.

We are confident that in the end they will take bits and pieces of these lessons with them on their journey of faith. Exactly what character touched them the most deeply, we may not know, but each child has left with something to keep. If each year we could engage, excite and push their understanding of our faith, imagine what an amazing gift we would be giving them...a lifelong blessing indeed. Ultimately isn't that what we want for our children? We

want them to find meaning and guidance from the stories of the bible, to take comfort in God's word and to hold tightly to the reassurance that God is ever present in their lives long after they grow up and make their way in the world.

For now, thank you for allowing us to share this time and this journey with your wonderful children.

Beth, Jill and Christy

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

MARKUS, RUTH, AND US: A LOOK BACK AT OUR 8 MONTHS WITH THE SAUERWEINS

Church Women United on Friday **May 6th** at 12pm (bring a sandwich) at The Congregational Church in East Bloomfield. The program will begin at 12:30pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Eleanor Schneider will be held at the church Saturday, **May 7th** at 2 pm.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

Keep your eyes open for the date & time of our May meeting. Learn how to protect yourself from identity theft.

Also, sign up for our 2nd road rally on June 27th and see where Helen tells you to go this year.

Meals on Wheels

May	2	Kathy
	9	Donna
	16	Lillian
	23	Kerry
	30	NO MEALS Memorial Day

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

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



- 1 Heather Roller
- 2 Ruth Roberts
- 3 Kristin Passer, David James Fox
- 5 Cathy Pestle
- 7 Mary Jo Watson
- 9 Frank Smith
- 12 Dale Englehardt
- 13 Noah Passer
- 15 Richard VanAmburg
- 16 Don Schneider, Ken Hodgeman, Chuck Kennerson
- 17 Andrea Badger, Dan Hall
- 18 Laura Bower
- 19 Clark Affolter
- 20 Kathleen Whiting
- 21 Shawn Tompkins
- 22 Jason Beers, Karen Hodgeman
- 25 Gerry Barnard, Shannon Ewing
- 26 Becky Bower, Carl Wyning
- 27 Fred Kitson

HELP WANTED

The church is looking to hire an adult to supervise the nursery Sunday mornings during the church service. This year round position pays \$20 per Sunday and is paid once per month. Hours are for the time of 9:45am to 11:15am. This is an immediate opening. To apply, email solonb@yahoo.com.

CHURCH BULLETINS

Actual announcements taken from church bulletins. Found in the Orange Peel Gazette, Jan.1 2010, volume 9, issue 1.

- *Don't let worry kill you, let the church help.
- ***Thursday night, potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.**
- *Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.
- ***For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.**
- *A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.



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.

2011 UCCNY ANNUAL MEETING ***"Stewards of the Covenant"***

UCCNY annual meeting will be held June 3-5, 2011, at the Silver Bay YMCA of the Adirondacks. For information--and to register--go to www.uccny.org. For lodging and meals—go to <http://www.silverbay.org/reservations/>. Keep watching the site. It will be updated on an ongoing basis.

OPEN & AFFIRMING CONGREGATIONS

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 is planning an opportunity for those interested in learning more about this important topic to get together and begin dialogue. Further details/sign-up will be forthcoming, but the target date is Sunday June 5 from 5 - 7 PM and will include a light supper.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

From 10 to 11:30 a.m. you are invited to participate in reviewing the scripture texts for the next Sunday's worship service. 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS FOR MAY

May 1

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Psalm 16

I Pet 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

May 8

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

I Pet 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

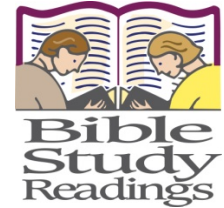
May 15

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

I Pet 2:19-25

John 10:1-10



May 22

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

I Pet 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

May 29

Acts 17:22-31

Psalm 66:8-20

I Pet 3:13-22

John 14:15-21

WE NEED YOUR INPUT

The Christian Education Committee is planning a series of activities for the summer (and the year) and would like input from the congregation. Is there an activity that appeals to you? Do you like to hike, bike, sing, listen to music, etc? If you are interested in something in particular, let one of the committee members know. They are Jayne Affolter, Jeff Brown, Judy Beers, Debbie Baker, Kathy Stevens and Karen Yax.

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.

THANK YOU FROM THE FOOD PANTRY

To our UCC Church Family - Thank you very much for the wonderful donation from the April Spaghetti Supper proceeds. It is very much appreciated.



Once again we also want to thank those of you who remember us through your monthly donations. You know who you are as do we! Thank you!

We have been keeping very busy this year and continue to have new clients every month. We also have clients returning that we have not seen in a while. It has been an interesting trend. I think the escalating price of gas is only going to exacerbate this situation, if it has not already. We have had many food and other expense emergencies lately that Tom and I have responded to. Our hearts go out to all those individuals and families who are struggling to make ends meet and there are many.

The price of our voucher program with Shur Fine (loaf of bread, dozen eggs and 1/2 gallon milk) has gone up considerably, consistent with the rising price of food. We are thankful that so far we have been able to continue this program through cash donations coming in.

Through it all we keep the faith (we learned that from Joyce Janowski!) and know what a vital ministry the Food Pantry is to this

community. We thank you all for your continued support.
Renee & Tom

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST WEBSITE:

<http://www.ucc.org>

Our denomination, 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.

FRANK REDDY

Former Rochester city fireman and local Honeoye resident passed away 3/22/01. Frank was 98 years old and happily living in Florida with his beloved wife Delores. Frank spent many hours in our local diners, at Gamrod's and as a proud member of Seniors. Please send your remembrances of Frank to Delores Reddy at 4733 NW 7th Apt 301, Boynton Beach FL 33426.

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 Brian in the office or go on line: www.dunkirkcc.com

FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP:

Late last month, our Treasurer, Ginny DeNise, reported that in order to pay the bills that were due, she had to "borrow" \$6,100 from our own escrow accounts. These are the accounts that are used to pay mandatory expenses such as FICA, medical-dental insurance, retirement contributions, etc; which means the accounts need to be paid back in order to pay these expenses when they are due. Another factor that contributed to the shortfall are the expenses related to the severe winter we just experienced [snow plowing, fuel for the furnace, electricity, etc]. There are several ways to make-up the shortfall:

1. Increase the number of pledge units. We currently have received 69 pledges. If the number of pledge units can be increased to the number we had in 2009, 77 [at the current average amount per pledge], this alone would cover the approved 2011 budget.

2. Increase [or give more than] your pledge. If everyone who pledged increased their giving by 15 percent over their pledged amount, this alone would make-up for the current estimated faith factor.

3. Participate in those fund raising events where the proceeds go to the church general fund [such as the rummage sales and the spaghetti dinners designated to benefit the general fund].

4. Give a donation. This can be a one-time gift designated to support a specific line item in the approved budget or given towards the general fund.

5. Pre-pay your pledge. Although this will not result in additional total income, it will give Ginny higher account balances to pay those expenses that balloon earlier in the year. This also allows those who monitor income VS expenses to have a more accurate picture of where we stand.

6. Reduce expenses. Several of you are in a position to influence the level of expenditures on controllable line items. Over

the past two fiscal years, many line item expenses have come in under the budgeted amount. If this prudent stewardship of expenses can continue, this will contribute significantly towards reducing the impact of an income shortfall.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011

- ❖ The Spring Rummage Sale will be held on May 13 and 14th and is being coordinated by Nancy Apolito and Cindy Smith. If you have items to donate or wish to help out please contact either Nancy or Cindy.
- ❖ The Christian Education Director's job description is being finalized and the next step is to get committee support and suggestions regarding what requirements should be requested for this position.
- ❖ There is a current financial shortfall and an email will be sent out to the church community requesting additional new pledges and/or donations.
- ❖ The Telephone Ministry is currently funded through the end of May. If you have tried to access this service and receive a busy signal please let Charlie Johnstone know as there may be a need for additional lines.
- ❖ The church is still seeking a replacement supervisor for the Sunday Nursery. If you are interested please contact Solon Barnard.
- ❖ Strengthen the Church designation will be on May 22. This national fund is available to churches that are struggling but can survive with some additional financial assistance. This fund can also be used to assist in starting up new churches.
- ❖ Youth Sunday will take place on May 15. Be prepared for a very exciting program.

Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.

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Floral: Wendy Krause
Memorial: Betty Read

Schedule room call:.....229-5302

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