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"I could tell where the lamplighter was by the trail he left behind."

Harry Lauder

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FALL 2023

First United Methodist Church of Windsor, NY

REV. EDWARD HONRATH, PASTOR

From the Pastor – September 2023

Ecclesiastes 3:1 - "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

As I write this, we are nearing the end of summer on the calendar (although some people are already pushing into fall talking about pumpkins and all the things pumpkins are used for).

For most people summer vacations are past and it is time to get back to the routines that start again this month. Children and young adults are starting grade school or college this week. Farmers and gardeners are taking in the harvest, and/or getting equipment ready for it. Such a busy time of year.

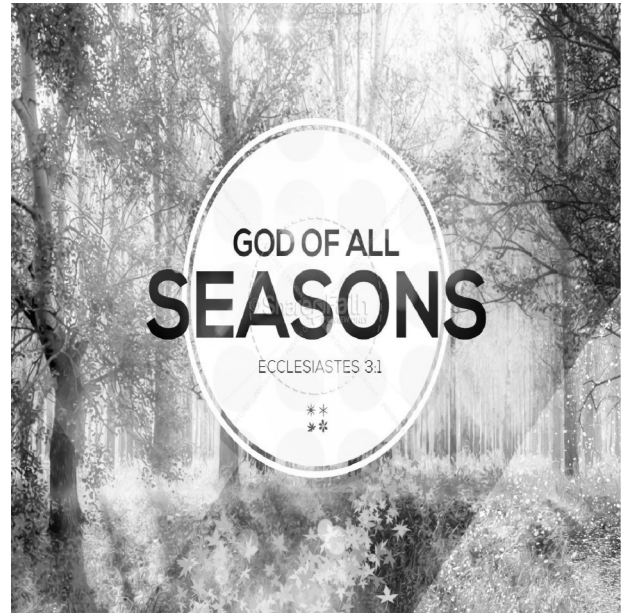
And it is back to church and Sunday School time. I look forward to seeing the children again and getting to spend a few minutes each week with them for children's time. (That makes me wonder what we could do to encourage parents to come to church and bring the children after the summer break.)

Our scripture above from Ecclesiastes tells us that there are times for things that have been set by God, such as the changing of the seasons and what needs to be done during each. But we also need to remember that God allows us to choose what to do and when for most of what we do. Spending time with the one who created us and loves us unconditionally is the most important thing we can choose to do.

I look forward to seeing everyone in church that can be there each week. Worship is best done in community, so come on in, bring the kids, parents, grand-parents, neighbors – the more the better. God loves all of us, let us all show our love back to God together!

Pastor Ed

♫ † **September 17 at 6:30pm**—Join me at our next Praise & Worship Service! ♥



SECRET SISTERS NEWS

Mark your calendars: Saturday, September 16 at 4:00pm

Sky Lake's Caldwell Pavilion

It's time to gather for food (of course) fellowship and a new sister! Bring a yummy dish to pass (enough for 5-6 people) and your own beverage. Hotdogs and brats will be provided for roasting over the fire. A sign-up sheet will be near the Secret Sister's table in the narthex at Windsor UMC and with Linda Phelps for Sanitaria Springs UMC. It will be helpful to know what yummys you're bringing.

Some of us already filled out cards at our revealing in June. Those that didn't have the chance can do so ahead of time by filling out a card located on the Secret Sister table or from Linda P., and then placing it in the big envelope provided. Cindy/Jenna will take care of it from there. And if you've never been a Secret Sister, this is a great opportunity for you to join in the fun. It's not all about gifts (although who doesn't love giving/receiving an unexpected small gift!) It's remembering to pray for a church sister and enjoy several social get-togethers throughout the year.

If you have any questions speak with Cindy (607) 655-1611 or Jenna (607) 423-1406.

*"A generous heart is always open,
always ready to receive our going
and coming."*

Bell Hooks

SOUP & SALAD COMMUNITY MEALS

BEGIN ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT 5:00PM

Sign up at church to bring your favorite soup and/or salad to be enjoyed by all!



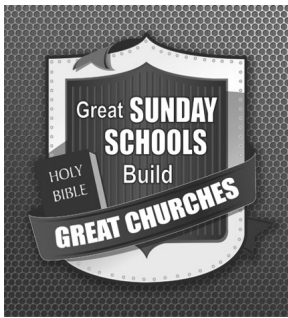
COME TO OUR ANNUAL BAZAAR

WHEN: Saturday, October 21—9:00am-2:00pm

WHERE: First United Methodist Church
56 Chapel St., Windsor NY

Start your holiday shopping here! A wonderful selection of handmade crafts to choose from, a delicious bake sale to satisfy your sweet tooth and much more! Stop by our "café" for lunch.

Vendor spots available—contact Jeannie Ditch (607) 655-2685



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Fall is upon us and we are looking forward to having the children back in Sunday School!

Opening date will be **September 10, 2023 at 10:30am** with registration, music and snacks in Fellowship Hall.

Sunday School classes will meet at 10:45am-12pm each Sunday morning.

Our teachers remain in place this year with *Heather Noyd* and *Kara Clarke* Nursery–Pre-School through 1st grade and *Terry Walker* teaching Grades 2-5. We will have substitutes for classrooms if a teacher is unavailable. If you would like to assist in any way with our Christian Ed program, please see Pastor Ed! We welcome everyone!

If you are unable to attend with your child(ren) on the 10th, we invite you to join us any Sunday! Adult classes and future bible studies will be announced as they are available.

Jesus said to them, come, follow Me! Matthew 4:19



SAVE YOUR COINS! There will be a Noisy Can collection in church on two Sundays, September 10 & 17, to benefit the Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital in Syracuse. Three of our WUMC children have been treated there over the past several years and just recently. All donations will be directly given to the hospital. One way you can support the program is through registration fees supporting the 3rd Annual Walk/Run for Kids on September 23 at Otsiningo Park hosted

by The Upstate Foundation. A 5K Race USATF certified with awards, 2 mile walk & a Fun Run for Kids!! People (and dogs) of all ages and abilities are welcome! Fundraising is optional but every dollar raised helps pediatric patients and their families. Proceeds will enable us to help with co-pays, gas cards, lodging, food, mortgage payments along with other unmet needs of our Binghamton and surrounding area pediatric patients and their families....and that also includes the "fun stuff" such as games, toys and movies, that are so vital for healing. Visit the website to sign up and to view the event day schedule!

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Binghamton/WalkRunForKids>



CLOTHES LINE MINISTRY—Moms, dad, kids, keep your eyes on the clothes line! Soon there will be something fun hanging there for you! And of course, we will add the scarves, hats and mittens when the weather turns cold.



The Red Bird Missionary Conference is one of three United Methodist missionary conferences in the United States. It is the most comprehensive mission effort of the United Methodist Church, providing outreach and services that minister to the whole person - spiritual, physical, social and economic.

WUMC will participate in this mission this holiday season. The Endwell UMC is coordinating the program with delivery of the shoe boxes in November to the Red Bird mission in Kentucky. Lists of items for the shoe boxes will be available soon.

God's Bread Food Pantry

The pantry continues to need volunteers to help with deliveries, giving out food and greeting our members at the pantry on Tuesday mornings. We are also looking for an individual (s) to take over some of the responsibilities that Jill Skinner has been doing faithfully for many years, such as ordering and monthly reports to CHOW and The Food Bank of the Southern Tier. We do work hand in hand with Windsor Human Development.

Many thanks to Jill for her ongoing dedication. Also we thank Carol Carpenetti, who volunteers at both our God's Bread pantry and Human Development programs, and the others who faithfully assist on Tuesdays. Please call Jill (607) 655-3031, or Carol (607) 743-0192 if you are interested in assisting in any way.



Called to *Serve*

The Lay Leadership team at WUMC is once again looking to fill openings on our various committees and preparing for a new year. Thank you to those who have served their terms and who continue to serve.

If you feel you are able to devote time to Christian Ed, Trustees, SPPR, Missions or other areas, please contact Pastor Ed or any member of the current Lay Leadership Team for more information: *Sue Bennett, Carol Carpenetti, Sandy Dodd, Kate Daum, or Jill Skinner*. We can provide you with information on each committee's role and answer any other questions you may have.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

► Mark your calendars for our annual District Church/Charge Conference to be held

Sunday, November 5 at WUMC at 4:00pm. ◀

We will gather with other churches in our district. All members of Church Council and all professing members of the Windsor First United Methodist Church are invited to attend. A light meal will be served. This is a time for reviewing and evaluating the total mission and ministry of the church, presenting our pastoral compensation for 2024, election of new members of the Board of Trustees, and sharing of other reports and topics.



A biblical, Christ-centered 13-week grief support group ministry will be offered once again at WUMC each Wednesday, beginning September 13 through December 13 with two time options: 2:00—4:00pm OR 6:00—8:00pm.

The program has been updated and utilizes video, discussion and sharing activities, with a personal workbook for note taking, journaling and scriptures helping along the way.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

To register and for questions and further information, please visit the griefshare.org website or contact the facilitators Pastor Ed (607) 373-9125, Carol Holland (607) 279-8150 or Jenna Amberge (607) 423-1406

Surviving the Holidays will be held on November 15 from 2-4pm or 6-8pm. It is a two hour lay-led outreach event that provides support for people in your church and community who are grieving a death during the holidays. The program provides guidance for dealing with the season's challenges, counsel & care from trusted grief experts via video, supportive sharing time, and an introduction to the help found in a GriefShare group. To register please visit the griefshare.org website or contact the church office (607) 655-1791.

CHURCH IN THE WILD AND SKY LAKE CAMP & RETREAT CENTER are hosting Fall Retreats

Shelter of Stars is an astrology practice based in creative embodied responses to the sky led by Peter Mallozzi.

The Shelter of Stars Retreat is presented by Church in the Wild at Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center, September 29 to October 1, 2023. We will gaze at the Moon; create a space for soulful discussion inspired by the way the Moon moves in the sky, in our charts, and in us; and feel the tonal shift of nature into the dark half of the year.

Resting in Your Element Yoga Retreat—November 3-5 at Sky Lake

Exploring the elements within, through nature, yoga, meditation, & connection. The holidays can be a challenging time for many as we do so much for others & put ourselves last. In the colder weather our bodies begin to transition into "hibernation" mode with the time change & increased darkness. Join Corey & Tina at the beautiful location of Sky Lake for this restful retreat where we'll explore the elements within through yoga, meditation, nature, creative arts and connection.

**Autumn is the perfect time to retreat to the woods.
Reserve your spot today!**

More info & to register:

<https://skylakecampbrainregistration.com>

Or visit Church in the Wild on Facebook or churchinthewild.org

Church in the Wild meets each Sunday at 4:00pm for worship at Sky Lake



WINDSOR UMC Church Council Meeting Minutes – June 20, 2023

(Amendments in **bold** as approved at August 15 Council)

In person: Pastor Ed Honrath, Carol Holland, Carol Carpenetti, Blanche Birtch, Jenna Amberge, Cindy Martin, Keith Royer, Jeannie Ditch, Sandy Dodd. Opened meeting with devotion from Sue Bennett.

Passage of previous minutes from April meeting.

- Added Jeannie Ditch to attendance.
- Noted that in Sept 2020 council approved the Heat/AVAC Capital Campaign. Oct. 2020 action was taken to table the project until after the Stewardship campaign. Then COVID interrupted life.

Motion for approval as amended & accepted - Carol Holland; second- Keith Royer; all approved.

Updates from Administrative Committee Chairs:

Christian Ed – Pastor Ed.

Need to determine start date for the fall.

Conference wide “Back to Church” party.

Sheri Hotaling, in the nursery, brought attention to Carol Holland that clean-up from the kids at the end of the service time isn't done. This makes it difficult to clean up when it's just one person. Families come and pick up children, then go quickly. Could members be aware to stop in and help with clean up.

Worship – No report. Discussion about other topics though related to worship

Sunday evening worship (Next service schedule for June 11th) planning needs to be more than pastor only.

If we get ideas and information to Cathy Honrath, she would be willing to put the slides together for worship.

Suggested Elaine Barrett's involvement with this too.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day service with Sanitaria Springs UMC. Carol Holland and Cindy **VanBarriger** are working on planning these services with the Worship committees.

SPPR – Cindy Martin. No meeting since last gathered. Next meeting Monday (June 26th) at the church.

Pastor Ed is here for another year.

Trustees – Keith Royer.

Cleaning of flooring in the Narthex is not working. Looking to replace them with carpet squares along with the fellowship hall area. George Hall to do this work. Also working on fixing the wall in the music room.

Ben Peak to remove the speaker components in the music room.

Jeff Olin to do an assessment on the building and the contents.

Looking to add speakers to the Narthex and the fellowship room.

AED was updated and given new batteries.

Parsonage sale still under discussion. Must involve the District Building Committee. The districts are under realignment at the Conference level, so this is on hold.

Finance/Audit – Sandy Dodd

Audit reports were submitted for approval. Recommending that these accounts be closed and placed in general fund: Missions, Memorial funds, Trustees, Sunday School, Dinner Theater.

As a line item, they would have access to get things without approval from council because they are a part of the approved budget. Tabled this subject about line items until a future meeting.

Motion to accept 2022 Audit as present with thank you's to all involved. Carol C. – moved; Jeannie – second; all approved.

Susan Ranous, from the UNY Conference finance team, is to come and look at our financial issues **within Church Windows**. Cindy Martin put forward motion to provide money for her assistance with the review from Conf. Finance Team. Money would be for travel expenses. Carol C. second; all approved. Money is within the office budget.

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Discussion about short fall for pledged amount vs. actual amount. We are in a precarious position. We are not taking in enough from the support of the church. We need to reach out to the Conference and the Resource Center to find a Stewardship campaign that will help us. We also need to find out the timeline for budget building so we can move on this quickly.

General Fund – Blanche Birtch.

Report submitted. Blanche shared that building use funds should be deposited into the General Fund. This has not been happening. Motion from Jeannie to make the change; Sandy Dodd – second; all approved. Blanche will update the list of signers on all accounts with Susan Bennett.

Lay Leader – Carol Holland.

Thank you for all the hard work done by the Finance Team with the Audits and everything. Received new GriefShare materials. New sessions will begin Sept. 13 through Dec. 13 for 13 weeks, with pizza party to close sessions. They will be Wednesdays from 2-4pm (Pastor Ed & Carol H) and from 6-8pm (Carol H. & Jenna A.)

Lay Leadership – Pastor Ed.

Need to review who is coming off teams and look at options.

Missions – Carol Carpenetti.

Supported Bradley Mogenson in the Mitochondrial Walk at the green in Windsor. Help from various members.

United Women in Faith (UMW) – Jeannie Ditch.

Spring Luncheon at the church was good. Rummage Sale provided a little under \$900.00. Blanket Sunday and Bazaar are some upcoming events.

Lay Member to Conference – no report

Windsor Churches United – Carol Carpenetti.

Worship on the Green will be August 6th. Our church will be providing beans again. Human Development will be providing bags for each child that comes. We will be asked to give a can of goods for the bag. Carol will provide a list of items that could be given.

Church Care:

Memorial – Jeannie Ditch.

Garden looks great. Thank you, Roger Ditch and Gail Bagg, for your help.

Student Awards – 5 graduates received awards.

Camp Agent – Summer camp starts July 3rd. Summer staff come in on June 25th. Pray each Sunday evening at 7:47pm for the current week of campers and staff.

Parsonage Committee – John McNulty. A letter was received from the Village of Windsor that a business was/is happening at the parsonage. No action taken on our part.

Dinner Theater – Cindy Martin shared that it was decided to continue the tradition of scholarships to seniors who were active in the theater one way or another. \$100.00 was given to 4 people. Will wait one more year (Gradates of 2024) to be able to honor the tradition of scholarships for members. July 28th Ice Cream Sundaes and water at the Friday concert on the green. Jeannie Ditch to chair the team to cover the needs.

Jeannie Ditch closed the motion to close meeting@ 7:39pm, Keith Royer – second

Next Meeting August 15, 2023, at 6:00pm (*No meeting in July*)

WINDSOR UMC Church Council Meeting Minutes – May 16, 2023

In person: Pastor Ed Honrath, Carol Holland, Carol Carpenetti, Blanche Birtch, Jenna Amberge, Cindy Martin, Keith Royer, John McNulty, Matt Wightman, and Geri Tow; via zoom: Sandy Dodd

Opened meeting with prayer lead by Pastor Ed.

Passage of previous minutes from April meeting. **Adjusted some details about the Heat system estimated costs from \$87.00 to \$8700.00.**

Motion for approval-Carol Holland, second- Cindy Martin, all approved.

Updates from Administrative Committee Chairs:

Christian Ed – Pastor Ed. May 21st Sunday School Sunday as last day of SS. Pastor Ed is working with Terry to plan out the service. Will have a luncheon, Bounce house and party.

Worship – Praise and Worship service May 21st at 6:30pm. Next service schedule for June 11th.

SPPR – Cindy Martin. No meeting since last gathered. Will need to meet to complete the Conference paperwork needed for end of June/early July. Meeting to be scheduled.

Trustees – Keith Royer. Completed items on the repair list: cleaning of carpets/floors, tile in the Narthex area, parking lot repair continues, fixing music room doors, electric repairs done from water damage and upgrades to circuit breaker needs.

Update to presentation from Matt Wightman about a proposal for installing a H2i heat pump system for the sanctuary and the fellowship hall. Motion from the Trustees (KR) to install 2 units in the sanctuary and 1 in the Fellowship Hall. Second from Jeannie Ditch. All approved of the installation.

Insurance Photos: The Trustees need help and volunteers to go through the photos and assess a potential value to all of them. Please let John know if you can help with this.

Lay Leader – Carol Holland. GriefShare classes completed for this spring. Went very well, received positive feedback from participants about how well it went. Would keep the social gathering at the end of the sessions to end the group. Would like to encourage an outreach program for the membership list to connect with all and encourage their in-person attendance and support for the church. Perhaps creating a visitation team, modeling on the Stephen Ministry model. Encouraged that there are 2 baptisms coming up, one in June and one in July.

Lay Leadership – Pastor Ed. Had an email conversation with Sharon Battisti about her participation with the Trustees. She has confirmed she is very busy and not able to continue with the Trustees. We will remove her from her spot in the Class of 2025. Motion to place Matt Wightman on Trustees to fill the remaining spot in the Class of 2023, with the intent to ask him to continue with the Trustees for the upcoming Class of 2026. The motion was moved by Jenna Amberge, with a second from Carol Holland. Voted and all approved.

Finance/Audit – Sandy Dodd. Running behind on finances by about \$7,000.00 at this time. Working on comparing the pledges for this year with the actual tithes given to the church to see where we can improve the financial support before we go back to the congregation for an additional “ask.”

Gail Bagg is doing the Audit for the General Fund. Sandy is doing the Audits for other areas. She is looking for information from the Memorial Fund, Missions, Dinner Theater, and the Trusts. Hoping to have all done as soon as possible.

General Fund – Blanche Birtch. She was requested to send a check to UMCOR from the Lenten Services. She needs to clarify which support line to send it. Motion to send it to the selection given as “Where most needed.”

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Missions – Carol Carpenetti. Saturday, June 10th the church will be supporting Bradley Mogenson with his participation in the Mitochondrial Walk at the green in Windsor. The church will cook some food inside, then provide refreshments and such on the Memorial Garden area for participants that day. Hoping to host a family movie night in July. Movie is not selected yet. More details to follow soon.

United Women in Faith (UMW) – Jeannie Ditch. Donations for the Trash to Treasure will be brought into the church this week, with the sale on Saturday, May 20th. Spring Luncheon at the church on June 4th for all women interested. Invitations were handed and sent out this past Sunday/Monday. Please RSVP at the church office so we know how many to expect. Rev. Dr. Barbara Green will be providing the programing.

Lay Member – no report

Windsor Churches United – Carol Carpenetti. Worship on the Green will be August 6th. Our church will be providing beans again. Human Development will be providing bags for each child that comes. We will be asked to give a can of goods for the bag. Carol will provide a list of items that could be given.

Church Care:

Memorial – Jeannie Ditch. Working on mulching the beds and the garden area. Donations were given from the Velma Quinn family to help with this project.

Student Awards – no report

Camp Agent – no report. Carol Carpenetti shared that the women have set aside \$2,000.00 for any child that is interested in attending camp. Any funds not used toward our campers will be donated directly to Sky Lake. Asking if Jenna Amberge would lead a Children's Moment to share about camp in hopes of encouraging the kids to attend. Will happen sometime soon.

Parsonage Committee –John McNulty. The rent is up to date through June. Property looks good.

Discussion about actionable Items:

Discussion about cleaning up and clearing out some of the classrooms so they can be used for other purposes other than storage. Music room: asking the Bagg family to remove the items that are theirs, such as the musical equipment. Costumes that were used for dinner theater: asking Nancy Washburn where they may best go for use or recycling.

Trustees need help to go through boxes that have old records to determine what might be saved for archive or can be sent for shredding and disposal.

Carol Holland closed the meeting with a prayer at 7:15pm

Next Meeting June 20, 2023, at 6:00pm

Respectively submitted by Jenna Amberge

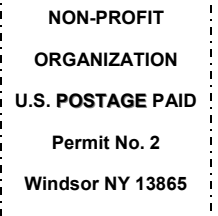
THANK YOU! To all the helping hands that keep our building and grounds pleasant to look at, safe and clean. In the memorial garden and window boxes *Jeannie, Gail Bagg, Kate Daum* and *others* spend many hours weeding, mulching, watering. To *John McNulty & Matt Williams* for placing the pavers; to *Bill McIntyre* for mowing and trimming! We also extend our gratitude to the *Trustees* who provide a "cool" building to worship and fellowship in with the addition of the new AC/Heating units, and to John for repairing the kitchen sink, among the many other repairs he does!

And we certainly appreciate all those unnamed who take care of our building inside and out in so many ways that may go unnoticed. Thank you for your dedication to your church, its congregation and our community.

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whose mission is to
Learn the gospel,
Live the gospel, and
Share the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

Sunday: Worship at 11am In Person and on Facebook
Sunday School September—June:
Nursery—Elementary grades 10:45am-Noon
Monday: SPPR—1st Monday—6:00pm
Finance—2nd or 3rd Monday—6:00pm
Tuesday: God's Bread food Pantry distribution—
9:30 am-Noon
Council—3rd Tuesday—6:00pm
Thurs : Choir Practice—Thursdays @ 7:00pm
(Resume in September)