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

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SPRING 2022

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, WINDSOR NY PASTOR ED HONRATH

From the Pastor –

As I write this, it appears that Spring is finally here, and that means more time out of doors. Some of you may not know it, but I like to ride a motorcycle, and am a member of the Christian Motorcyclist Association. I won't go into all the details of the CMA here (feel free to look it up if interested), but our motto is changing the world, one heart at a time. As an organization, we reach out to the motorcycling community to share the good news of Christ.



Why am I mentioning this? The April 12 devotional in the Upper Room had the Scripture from Exodus 3:11-12. Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "*I will be with you.*" As a pastor, I love sharing God's Word in church. But as a new CMA member, I will admit being a little intimidated at the idea of approaching bikers that I do not know to speak to them about Jesus. But I need to keep in mind what God told Moses – "*I will be with you.*"

The nice weather gives you the opportunity to spread the Word as well. Most of us tend to get out and about more, and thus we have more encounters with others, and more opportunities to spread the name of Jesus and what he has done for us. I encourage you to reach out to others that you meet, and step out of your comfort zone a little if needed. Remember that God will be with you when you are doing as our United Methodist mission calls us to do – make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

In His service,

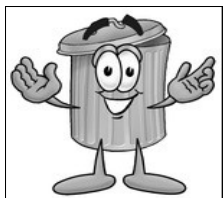
Pastor Ed



The First United Methodist
Church of Windsor is a
family of Christian faith and
love whose mission
is to
Learn the gospel,
Live the gospel, and
Share the
gospel of Jesus Christ.

Windsor First United Methodist Church

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"TRASH TO TREASURE SALE"

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Outside at the Parsonage
25 Academy Street, Windsor NY**

Please do not bring donations to the church. Call the office and someone will arrange a time for you to meet at the garage. Thank you!

WUMC SECRET SISTERS NEWS . . .



SATURDAY, JUNE 18 Secret Sisters will gather at 5:00pm with hostess, Jenna Amberge, for a campfire at Sky Lake and the revealing of "Who is my Secret Sister?" Who has left surprises on the table in the narthex, sent mail, prayed, while concealing her identity? **Bring your drink and hot dogs (or similar shaped meat) to pierce and roast over the fire and a lawn chair.** Carol H and Cindy K will be bringing homemade potato and macaroni salads. Rolls and S'mores will also be provided.

As is the custom of Secret Sisters, bring a final Surprise Gift for your Secret Sister that you have been so secretive with, **and**, a Thank You gift for the sister who has surprised you secretly. We will have a gift table for Reveal gifts and a table for Thank You gifts. Presentation of gifts will be done separately - Reveal gifts, then Thank You gifts. Be thinking of what you can share about receiving and giving as sisters in Christ.

Secret Sisters will gather this fall and draw names for September 2022-June 2023. Watch the newsletter and bulletin announcements for date, etc. All women in our church family are invited to this event and to join the fun and support as a Secret Sister in September. Questions? Call Carol Holland (607) 279-8150 or Cindy Krager (607) 222-5078.

UNITED METHODIST NIGHT AT THE BALLGAME!

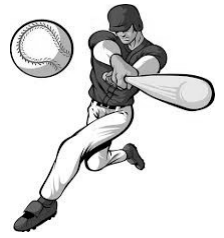
Mirabito Stadium, Binghamton NY

Thursday, June 23rd - 6:35 pm

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Nancy Adams, will be throwing out the first pitch.

Binghamton Rumble Ponies vs. The Reading Fightin Phils

Tickets - \$10.00—See or call Bob Bennett (607) 655-3190, (607) 206-0136 or bobjbenett918@gmail.com



GERANIUMS—Jeannie Ditch will begin



taking orders for plants to fill the church window boxes. If you would like to purchase a

memorial plant for \$4.00 each, please call Jeannie at (607) 655-2685 or the church office (607) 655-1791. Order forms will be available in the announcements on Sundays. Please make checks payable to Jeannie Ditch. Thank You!

SOUP 'N SALAD

Thursday, May 26 and June 23

5pm till ?

Come enjoy delicious homemade soups and salads & fellowship!

Free will offering.

CONGRATUATIONS TO OUR 2022 GRADUATES

The following are names of those we know are graduating among our church family. Many of these young adults have grown up in our church and we are blessed to have been part of their faith journey. Our best wishes also to those who may be pursuing a new career or entering the military after graduation. Stay safe! Know that you are always in our thoughts and prayers!

Windsor Central High School: Tanis MacNamee, Matthew Wightman and Brennen Riley

SUNY Binghamton—Josh Merrill—BA in Bio-chemistry

SUNY Oneonta—Kristin Mogenson—Masters in _____

Susquehanna Valley High School—Thomas Ricci (grandson of Gail Bagg)

Please join us Sunday, June 12 at 11:00am for and recognition of our graduates. It is also the last day of the Sunday School year and a fun day picnic is planned. All are welcome!



Nurture Team 2022

Nursery -Tanis MacNamee, Gail Bagg and Joan Bobier working in tandem with our Pre-School

Nursery-Pre-School-Kindergarten - Heather Noyd and Kara Clarke

1st - 3rd Grade -Terry Walker

4th - 12th Grade - Sally Forbidussi and Laurie Wightman

Music - Paul John Noyd and Loa Noyd

Sunday Morning Adult Class - Carol Carpenetti and Joan Bobier

Sunday Morning Teacher Subs - Gail Bagg

Grief Support Group - Carol Holland and Pastor Ed Honrath

Prayer/Devotion Group - Sally Forbidussi

Bible Study - Pastor Ed Honrath

Nurture Team is Thriving! Thank you for all the support!

The start up after COVID has gotten off to a wonderful start. It's so nice to see children in Sunday School and joining us in church. We haven't tried Sunday School during church before but it's working. Its made it easy to provide nursery too.

- Carol Carpenetti will resume Adult Sunday School starting May 15th from 9:15-10:15am.
- Carol Holland has been leading the 4-week *Facing the Mourning* grief support group. We are considering another group which will run for 13 weeks. Please talk with Carol or Pastor Ed if you have any questions.
- Pastor Ed will start up a new Bible Study group on Thursday's at 2pm, June 2, 9, 15 and 23. We will be watching "The Chosen" series and discussing.
- Sally Forbidussi will begin a Prayer Devotional Group Wednesday mornings at 10am for four weeks starting May 18th. The prayer cards that are in the pews can be used and placed in the prayer box in the narthex. Please write on the card if you would like prayers put in our bulletin and prayer emails, otherwise it will be kept in the prayer group. The prayer box has been checked and lifted up.
- We are getting ready for the last day of Sunday School June12, 2022. Children will be participating and singing for Sunday Service and we will celebrate our 3 high school graduates. Come celebrate with us during and after church service!

It's not too early to think about fall! Consider what you might be interested in starting or attending. Reach out and share! We are looking to grow our youth activities again.

YOUR S/PPRC (Staff/Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Building strong relationships through support, encouragement and respect between staff, appointed pastors, the congregation and district superintendant and promoting unity in the church.

Any member of S/PPR can talk with you in confidence. Pastor Ed's door is also open (call him first to schedule a time when he can meet). Please reach out to us with your questions or concerns.

Gail Bagg, Acting Chair

Jenna Amberge

Isabelle Jahn

Cindy Krager

Kristin Russell

Elaine Barrett

Cindy Finney



From the desk of Bishop Mark J. Webb: Focusing on children and youth—May 3, 2022 / By Bishop Mark J. Webb

But Jesus said, “Let the children come to me. Don’t stop them! For the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to those who are like these children.” – Matthew 19.14

“Listen, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. And you must commit yourselves wholeheartedly to these commands that I am giving you today. Repeat them again and again to your children. Talk about them when you are at home and when you are on the road, when you are going to bed and when you are getting up. Tie them to your hands and wear them on your forehead as reminders. Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” – Deuteronomy 6.4-9

I am blessed to say that I grew up in the Church. Some of my earliest memories are from the Sunday School rooms and sanctuary of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Williamsport, Pa. It was in that church that women and men invested in me. They lived before me a life of following Jesus Christ. They taught me how to pray, study the Bible, and understand the depth of God’s love for me. When I reached my teen years, my family returned to my mom’s childhood church, now known as St. John’s United Methodist Church. Once again, I was blessed to be surrounded by women and men who showed me the way of Jesus, through Sunday School, youth fellowship, choirs, scouting, summer camp, and mission trips.

The willingness of two congregations to invest in ministries to children and youth changed my life and set my life toward God’s purpose for me. I was invited to know the depth of God’s love through Jesus Christ, to step into the call of Jesus to follow Him and then be equipped to serve Him and offer the promise and truth of God’s love to those around me. I wasn’t just told I was the future of the Church; I was reminded that I was a part of the Church.

The opportunity to offer the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the children and youth of our communities continues today. In a time when many congregations lament the lack of children and youth present in the life of their church, there are great possibilities for how the Church can renew a commitment to engage the lives of young people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and invite them to be a part of the Church.

I understand the challenges. I have been part of the conversations about why ministry to children and youth seems so hard today. Families are busy; kids aren’t interested; sports and other activities interfere; we don’t have any young families in our church. These are indeed challenges, but the church has always had to adapt to the shifting nature of the culture and seek the new ways in which God calls and desires to work within and through our lives.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Church of Jesus Christ offer exactly what young people are yearning and searching for – significance, relationship, and truth. The Church must enter anew into the battle for the minds, hearts, and spirits of our children and youth in ways we have not for a long time. Our culture and world are ready to fill the void within the lives of those seeking significance, relationship, and truth. Understand me, there are some good things being offered, but there are also some very dangerous things shaping and informing our children and youth. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ offers the fullness of purpose for which every person was created and the way of life that results in eternal significance.

This issue of *The Advocate* celebrates ministry among and with children and youth happening within our congregations. The pages that follow share ways in which you can engage in ministry to children and youth, with examples of resources and strategies. Take advantage of what is offered here. Reach out to someone to learn more, seek assistance, or engage in a partnership that will help your church strengthen or begin ministry with young people.

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I encourage you to keep going deeper in your journey of discipleship. Disciple the grandparents and the parents among you and you will disciple children and youth.

As the Church nurtured you and me, we now can do the same for our children and grandchildren. As the Church invited you and me to know the love of Jesus Christ, be transformed by that love, offer that love to others and be a part of carrying out the purpose of the Church, we now are given the chance to invite our children and grandchildren to do the same.

What is God calling you to be and do to reach the next generation for Jesus? How does your church invite children and youth to be a part of the journey of following Jesus? Be bold and step into God's call. Don't look at what seems impossible; look to what God promises as possible.

We are committed to preparing our children and the children of the world for a better future in every aspect of their lives. It seems like we hold back nothing. My prayer is that as followers of Jesus Christ we will be as committed to preparing them for what truly matters – a heart changed by the love of God; a life following Jesus and a commitment to being the Church that through the power of the Gospel will transform the world!

To read *The Advocate* magazine, please follow the link: <https://www.unyumc.org/news/stories/tagged/advocate>

SKY LAKE CAMP and RETREAT CENTER —skylakecenter.org/

Programs for children and youth, completing grades K-12, and persons with special needs, ages 15-65. These programs vary in length from a couple of days to a week long.

The Windsor Methodist Women in Faith (formerly UMW) offer monetary assistance toward registration fees. This is made possible through the cans/bottle redemption program. Please contact Jill Skinner at (607) 655-3031 or Sue Bennett in the church office if you have a child or children interested in attending camp this summer.

To view the 2022 programs & register on line visit: skylakecenter.org/summer-camp

SKY LAKE WORK DAY—JUNE 5

Cabin cleaning and spruce-up projects will be available from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Sunday, June 5. Individuals, families, and small groups are welcome. If you're able to stay the whole time, great! If you're only able to give an hour during those times, also great! Advance registration is required.

A light supper will be available for a free-will donation, but participants will need to reserve a supper during the online registration process.

SPRING FLING—This weekend retreat, May 27-30 at Sky Lake, offers families of all ages, shapes, and sizes an excellent opportunity to get outside and enjoy time together relaxing, playing, learning, and growing in faith. A variety of activities are combined with ample free time, so when you aren't making a craft, enjoying a sing-a-long, making ice cream, or going for a boat ride, you can sit back and toast a marshmallow, read a good book, or go for a hike. Your time is just that—yours!

Check out the accommodations at: skylakecenter.org/event/spring-fling-2022

Finance/Stewardship Report: March 2022

Year-to-Date Income		Year-to-Date Expenses	
Congregational Support (Contributions)	\$ 5,792.83	Program:	\$ 500.00
Loose Plate:	226.00	Pastor/Personnel	4,922.71
Ministry Shares	301.30	Church utilities/insurance	456.66
Advent/Lent	867.00	Parsonage utilities/repairs	19.65
		Office supplies/expenses	509.35
<u>Total Operating Income</u>	\$7,187.13	Ministry Shares	321.30
		<u>Retiree Premium Share</u>	<u>114.17</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	343.29	Total Overall Expenses:	\$ 6,843.84
3/1/22 Bank Balance	\$17,122.80		
3/31/22 Bank Balance	\$17,331.33		
Adjusted Bank Balance	\$16,486.27		

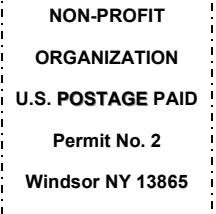
Please consider using the EFT process for your giving. It is on the Church website. Click on the link and follow instructions. The initial sign-in process takes about 2 minutes (be sure and have your checkbook available to give your account and routing numbers). The actual transaction takes about 1 minutes or less. You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your transaction. Give it a try. For financial assistance with the EFT process, please contact Sharon Bagg Battisti at 607-760-7611 or email at sharonbagg@echoes.net

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Everyone Welcome!

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Conference

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Rosemary Dilorio—Administrative Assistant
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Sunday: Adult Sunday School—9:15 -10:15am
Nursery-High School Sunday School—10:45am
Choir Practice—10:15am
Worship at 11am In Person and on Facebook
Monday: SPPR—1st Monday—6:30pm
Finance—3rd Monday-6:30pm
Tuesday: God's Bread food distribution—9:30am-Noon
Church Council—3rd Tuesday—6:00pm
Wed. Trustees—2nd Wednesday—6:00 pm
Thursday: Choir Practice—7:00pm