



Open hearts. Open minds. Open doors.
The people of The United Methodist Church

Faith Connections – April 2016

Ionia United Methodist Church

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From Our Pastor:

Dear Ionia Friends and Family,

When I was a child, I remember people saying “April showers bring May flowers”. I liked the saying and I liked the rain. I can remember splashing in rain puddles and drinking Tahitian Treat in the rain. When I grew up, my feelings about rain changed; I worried more about my clothes and getting my hair wet. I had lost my love of rain.

When I went to Ireland several years ago, I noticed that adults didn’t seem bothered by the rain. People were happy whether it rained or not. They did not run to get out of the rain, they strolled and many without an umbrella. Our Dublin taxi driver told us that some Americans had actually asked him to pull his taxi over so they could take pictures of the people walking in the rain. He joked about the silly Americans needing to take pictures of such an ordinary thing....walking in the rain. As it turned out, it rained frequently while we were in Ireland. I became inspired by watching these “rain walkers” and starting strolling in the rain myself. The feeling of the rain drops on my face gave me a feeling of aliveness and enjoyment that is hard to describe. It is like the time slowed down and I was experiencing each moment deeply and joyfully. It brought me back to my childhood love of rain.

“April showers bring May flowers” tell us that showers are needed. Without rain, flowers won’t grow and flourish. Just like the saying, we have periods of showers that we must walk through in order to see the resulting flowers in our lives. We sometimes want the benefits of God (May flowers), without the preparation for God (April showers). Easter Sunday is about God’s “Son Day” and preparations should not stop on Easter. Preparations help ourselves and others know God more intimately and as a hymn goes “Prepare the way of the Lord and all the people

will see the salvation of our God.” Come join us on Sunday mornings as we celebrate and seek God through worship, study, and fellowship. Ionia United Methodist Church welcomes all with our open doors, open hearts, and open minds.

I look forward to the April showers and growing God’s garden of love with you in Ionia and beyond.

Love, Pastor Juls

Pastor Juls Foos

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Sunday Worship Schedule

10:30 AM Sunday Worship

10:45 AM Sunday School

11:30 AM “Coffee Time”

Nursery Care during the service



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News, events, photos, etc

Our website has been updated – check it out!

Joys!

Some of your youth who were in the Bloomfield production of “Curtains:” Jimmy Stahl, Morgan Knapp, Stephanie Fryer, Sam Fryer, and adults who worked on the costumes: Margaret Tiffany, Sophie Tiffany, Rose Kanack, & Dorothy Strapp

Ginny Floss was the emcee for Buffalo’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade!



The Family of Al Ficarella
 Mel & Shorty Inglesby while Shorty is under-
 going tests
 Anne Parrish Judy Baldwin
 Sally Brainard -back surgery Gordon Brees
 Mary G Bennett Betty Chapple
 Doris Daniels Mary & Jim Dunne
 Shirley Kelly Mel & Shorty Inglesby
 Roy Parrish Helen & Bob McCombs
 Wilma O'Brien MaryAnn & Cliff Pimm
 Cathy Weld
 Those battling disease Our home-bound
 Our military men and women in all places



**Sunday, April 3rd, 11:45 AM: April Spring
 Pot-Luck Brunch** with our church family after
 Church!
 Just bring a dish to pass & join in on the
 fellowship!
 We have a pot-luck brunch on the 1st Sunday of
 every month this year.



**Ad Board Meeting: Sunday, April 10,
 11:45 AM**

All officers & chairmen should attend

Needed: an Ad Board Secretary! All the
 job entails is attending the Ad Board meeting to
 take the minutes and then writing or typing them
 up afterwards. Contact Ad Board Chairman
 Bambi Talley 905-1309 or email at
 bambster7@gmail.com



Sunday Schools News

Classes are on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each
 month and nursery is available each Sunday
 during the worship service.
May 22nd will be Children's Day!



**Confirmation
 Class**

Sundays, 12:00 pm – 1:15 pm

See your schedule for dates & journal
 assignments.



Sundays, 9:30AM

These Faith Lessons Studies focus on a video
 series by Ray Vander Laan & is facilitated by
 Dick Twardokus. Each video is 20-30 minutes
 long & each lesson stands alone, therefore if
 you miss 1 or 2 sessions, you won't miss the
 meaning of the next one.
 Filmed on location in Israel, "Faith Lessons" is a
 unique video series that brings God's Word to
 life with astounding relevance. By weaving
 together the Bible's fascinating historical,
 cultural, religious, & geographical contexts,
 teacher & historian Ray Vander Laan reveals
 keen insights into the Scriptures' significance for
 modern believers. These illuminating 'faith
 lessons' afford a new understanding of the Bible
 that will ground your convictions & transform
 your life.

*Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose
 trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted
 by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It
 shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves
 shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not
 anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8



Our Famous Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
April 16th 4:30-7 PM

If you would like to donate for the dinner items we need, simply mail a check to the Church (PO Box 8, Ionia 14475) or place it in the collection plate in an envelope labeled "Chicken & Biscuit Dinner." We will buy in bulk & save money & phone calls & will be easier for the donors to not have to bring their donations to church. We will, however, be needing donations for the dessert of homemade pies or specialty cakes (pineapple upside-down, red velvet, German chocolate, etc.).

We will also need help for the day of the dinner. Call to volunteer & for questions:
Kay Bennett 657-7483 or Pat Talley 703-8961



Church "New to You" Sale
May 13 & 14

As you're cleaning out those closets, cupboards, garages & barns, please keep us in mind - we are looking for donations & accepting household items, clothing, toys, furniture & just about anything we can sell! (Please, **no** computers or older TV's, they can be recycled at Regional Computer Recycling and Recovery, 7318 Victor Mendon Rd near Rt 96.)

For more info, contact Lorraine at 657-4504 or Lfrelier@aol.com (Anyone interested in helping Lorraine with this?)



Strawberry Social

We will be hosting the Socials at the Church. If you have any comments &/or suggestions to improve our events, contact Bambi Talley, Bambster7@gmail.com or 585-657-7732.



Fall Festival - Sat., Sept. 17th

The Fall Festival Steering Committee and the Tractor Parade Committee have started work on planning our 19th Festival! We will be holding this year's festival on the church grounds with everything pretty much the same as it has been in the past.

We still need a couple to step forward to volunteer for a couple spots: Tractor Parade Committee, Door Prizes; Games; & Someone to make 4 area contacts. For more information, contact Mary Twardokus 657-7722.



Church Newsletter

The deadline for the May newsletter will be Sunday, April 24 Submit news to Mary Twardokus at 657-7722 or email mt2152@hotmail.com

If you wish to be added to our "email church news" list, give Mary your email address. Emails are sent "blind-copy."

If your name & birthday are not on our church family list, please contact Mary

If you are able to help assemble the newsletter on the 4th Weds. of the month, contact Dorothy Strapp to help out! It usually takes about 2 hours.



Veterans' Dinner Mission

We prepare & deliver a dinner to the Veterans' Club house on Foster St. in Canandaigua at 4:30PM on the 2nd Monday of each month

Below is a list of different ways you can assist in our mission endeavor:

- 1) Prepare a dinner & coordinate with one of the volunteers for delivery: Pat Talley 657-7226, Dorothy Strapp 657-7598, or Norene Adams 624-5463.
- 2) Offer to help make a portion of the dinner
- 3) Offer to support another person or persons with the entire expenses

April 11: _____? _____

May 9: _____? _____



In Our Area:

Sunday, April 3, 4:30pm-7pm Wine Pairing/ Dinner Event to benefit Benincasa @ Tavern at Clover, \$60/person Please contact Lori LaSalle @ Benincasa for more information or to make a reservation (624-8070)

Sat., April 9, 4pm til sold out, Chicken BBQ, St Mark's Lutheran, Rt 251, Mendon adults \$10; kids 5-12 \$5; under 5 free, takeout available

Sat., April 16, 9AM-3PM Ladies Tea & Retreat with "Women of the Well" at Mama's Mansion by the Canandaigua UMC. Women of the Well is a Christian theatrical group; \$10 includes tea & lunch, RSVP by April 8 394-5335, 394-6829, or 905-9854

Saturday, May 14, 2016, 4:40 to 7 p.m. Pulled Pork Dinner The United Church of Bristol. pulled pork on roll, cole slaw, baked beans, salt potatoes, carrots, pie \$9.50 for adults; \$4.00 for children ages 5-12; under age 5-free.

July 17 - 24 Big World, a rural summer experience for Rochester area children, is seeking host families - West Bloomfield Congregational Church, in partnership with Cameron Ministries, initiated Big World in 2015. The ages are 10-14 (exceptions allowed if we can accommodate). West Bloomfield Congregational Church provides pick up from the city, and return. Once again, the church will provide a host of optional support activities-- pool party, movie night in the barn, campfire, scavenger hunt, horseback riding, and hiking. Host families can choose those activities they wish to participate in, and, of course "do their own thing." If you are interested, please call Paul Hudson (585-330-0889) (No need to be a member at WBCC). A question/answer session for interested families will be planned soon.

Hands of Hope Kitchen free noon meal every Wednesday at the East Bloomfield Firehouse.



Ministry Directory

Ad/Board Chairman: Bambi Talley
Christian Education Heather Kenyon 314-2326
Cuddle Friends: Terri Graham 657-9292
Finance Chairman: Scott Layton 465-2039
Financial Sec.: Norene Adams 624-5463
Food Pantry: MaryAnn & Cliff Pimm 657-7338
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Newsletter Editor: Mary Twardokus 657-7722
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Trustees Chairman: Don Frelier 657-4504
Vice Chair: Ken Garling 657-6530
Sanctuary Chair: Jennifer Layton 455-7602
Youth Groups: Pastor Juls Foos



"I Can Do That.."

Opportunities In Our Church:



Read scripture or greet at worship –
Sign up in Fellowship Hall



Sign up to fix goodies after church –
Sign up in Fellowship Hall

Teach Sunday School or Babysit the
toddlers in the Nursery – see Heather
Kenyon

Make a meal for the Canandaigua Veterans –
Sign up in Fellowship Hall – see article in
this newsletter

Help with visitations for our homebound
members - see Pastor Juls

Donate pop cans to the youth for missions-
leave them in the crate by the shed

Donate \$ or food to the Food Cupboard –
see Cliff & MaryAnn Pimm

Help with the newsletter mailing –
see Dorothy Strapp



Happy April Birthday!!!

- 1 Judy Baldwin
- 2 Marla Bennett
- 5 Marlese Hawkins
- 6 Heather Kenyon
- 7 Don Frelier
Roxanne Price
Cindi Thomas
- 8 Kim Baylor
Mark Gilbride
- 9 Cynthia Fraser
Eva Garling
- 11 Don Semmler
- 12 Scott Garling
Sue Milton
Rebecca Smith
- 14 Linda Brown
Philip White
- 15 Aryn Rapp
- 16 Kaylee Knapp
- 17 Mary Celebi
- 22 Meghan Giessler
Bethany Milton
- 23 Rebecca Pezzimenti
Jeff Price
- 24 Mackenzie Kenyon
Emilio Tolomay
William Washburn
- 26 Ryan Baldwin
- 28 Mary Dunne
Sam Fryer
- 29 Jane Wagorn



Used Printer ink cartridges - can

be redeemed towards copier paper & many office supplies. Leave the ink cartridges in the box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



Pop cans/bottles for Telica

Drop off your cans & bottles in the crate behind the church (which has a new roof!) – used to fund another house in Telica!



Food Cupboard delivers Easter Dinners!

We have been busy shopping for 6 Easter food baskets & delivered the baskets Thursday, the 24th. We also hope to visit a bit with the recipients to see how all are doing. The baskets will hold ham, potatoes, dressing, vegetables, dessert, & best of all JELLY BEANS!

It's just wonderful seeing the smiles on the people's faces when we deliver their basket. We want to thank our helpers, the Sunday School kids, who made & decorated Easter containers which we filled with candy. Thank you, helpers, you did a great job!

We received an unexpected surprise - a check for \$50 from the Church Women United group. We are very grateful to them. We also received several monetary donations from church members. We appreciate the support & help the congregation has shown for the food cupboard. We also want to thank Quicklee's for allowing us to have a donation jar there. They have been supportive of the food cupboard.

Dollar General in Bloomfield helped out a great deal at Christmas time. They made a decorative box for us so that their customers could donate items & also donated items to help out the food cupboard. A big thank you to Dollar General.

We would like your input & ideas about how we could make our food cupboard better. The food cupboard has been almost self-sufficient for 3 years - Meaning that through donations & collections we haven't needed church funding. We are very proud of that. If you have any ideas or comments, email:

MsMaryAnnGarrett@aol.com.

Thank you all. Have a safe and Happy Easter.

Sincerely, Cliff & Mary Ann Pimm



Please do not use the Pastor's Office door as an entrance/exit, except in an emergency of course. Thank you!

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Our 2016 Events

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner
April 16th



Rummage Sale May 13-14

Strawberry Social – June 16



Raspberry Social – July 21

Fall Festival – September 17



Holiday Fair Craft Show: Nov. 19



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April 16th

4:30 – 7 PM

Buffet Style

Homemade Pies for Dessert

