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The people of The United Methodist Church

Faith Connections –September 2016

Ionia United Methodist Church

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From Our Pastor:

“Someone who is already wise will hear and learn still more; someone who already understands will gain the ability to counsel well.”
(Proverbs 1:5, Complete Jewish Bible (CJB))

With the cooler nights soon becoming a regular occurrence, we're each being reminded that the summer season is quickly waning. As a child, I remember mixed feelings as I was preparing for the start of a new school year. Sadness over the loss of freedom and hours of fun time spent with family and friends, while at the same time excitement over the new learnings that I'd have in school.

I believe God's inviting each of us as beloved children to a life-long learning about the things of the world, and also to a deepened understanding of how our God works in time and in Eternity. Do we hear what God's Spirit is saying to the Church? Are we listening with our hearts to God's gentle, yet still-speaking and insistent voice? While the rest of the world may be going along in its effort to exist without God, I believe we're being called individually and collectively to draw nearer to our God, and to be an active part of what God intends to accomplish in the world by God's grace.

As this new academic school year begins, I invite all of us to make an effort in a couple of specific areas:

➤ **Commit to giving our God and prayer a greater place and priority in our lives.** I'm asking that we each move our practice of our faith up in our list of priorities and activities. If we don't do so already, make regular attendance at Sunday Worship a priority for ourselves and our family. In addition, set aside time on a consistent basis to be in prayer. Remember, prayer isn't about saying the right words. Prayer's about being in conversation with our God, and saying what's on our heart in our own words, and be listening for God. As my Mom

would remind me on occasion as a child, God gave us 2 ears and 1 mouth. We need to learn to spend twice as much time listening as we do talking.

➤ **Learn something new about our faith as Christians and disciples of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.** Utilize the many resources available to us: Sunday school, bible studies, RightNow Media, audio CDs, and/or DVDs that teach particular aspects of our Faith. Consider becoming part of a small faith-sharing group. Get involved in the various activities sponsored by our local church, the district, or conference that offer opportunities for deeper reflection on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

➤ **Put our faith into practice.** Choose a form of mission and outreach where there's a "cost" to us personally (not necessarily financially, yet as a witness to our faith). If we have children or grandchildren living with or near us, involve them in this effort so that they see that faith is more than going to church or sitting in a Sunday school classroom.

As fellow sisters and brothers in Christ in ministry to all the world, we covenant to faithfully participate in God's ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. I believe that faithful participation in these areas is essential for our personal growth, and at the same time will provide each of us avenues in which we'll develop a deeper commitment to the will and grace of our God.

My prayer is that this new academic year will unfold as a time of grace for each and every one of us as beloved children of our God!

Blessings & Shalom,

Pastor Mary



Rev. Mary Rublee

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Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 AM Sunday Worship
10:00 AM "Coffee Time"
10:20 AM Bible Video Series
Nursery Care during the service

Joys!

Our new pastor!
Our Summer Socials!
Our graduates!



Family of Ken Garling who passed on June 14
Judy Baldwin Mary G Bennett
Gordon Breese Betty Chapple
Doris Daniels Mary & Jim Dunne
Shorty Inglesby Shirley Kelly
Anne Parrish Elaine & Roy Parrish
MaryAnn & Cliff Pimm Cathy Weld
Those battling disease Our home-bound
Our military men and women in all places



to John Tolomay & Jim Dunne for mowing our lawn!

To Kay Bennett for weeding our gardens!



Sundays, 10:20AM

The Faith Lessons Bible Video series by Ray Vander Laan will begin again Sunday, Sept. 11th in the Narthex starting at 10:20AM. The permanent time and day will be decided after the first couple Sundays.

Each lesson stands alone, therefore if you miss 1 or 2 sessions, you won't miss the meaning of the next one. Your understand of and faith in God's ministry will be enriched by attending this video series.



Sunday, September 4th,
our worship service will be at 10:30AM
We will be worshipping with the Honeoye Falls UMC at our church.
A pot-luck brunch will follow the service



Pot-Luck Brunch at 11:45AM

Sunday, Sept. 4th

We will brunch together with the Honeoye Falls UMC!

Just bring a dish to pass & join in on the fellowship!

This will be a wonderful time to worship, meet, and share fellowship with our sister church parishioners at Honeoye Falls UMC!
Table service and beverages will be provided.



September Ad Board Meeting:
Date to be announced

All officers & chairmen should attend



Used printer ink cartridges - can be redeemed towards copier paper & many other office supplies. We have not paid for any copier paper or office supplies in a long time! Leave the ink cartridges in the box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



CHURCH WIDE MEETING

Save the Date: Annual Church Conference

When: 6 – 8:30 P.M. Tuesday, October 18th

Where: Ionia United Methodist Church

Details: 6 – 7 P.M. a potluck dinner.
7 – 7:30 P.M. our new District Superintendent, Rev. Vonda Fossitt, will lead us in a time of Worship and discussion.

Beginning at 7:30, the Honeoye Falls and the Ionia Churches will meet in separate areas to conduct their individual church conference. Everyone is welcome to attend; members of each churches Leadership are expected to attend.

Feel free to contact Pastor Mary if you have any questions regarding these upcoming Church Conferences.

Food Cupboard: We have had a very busy summer. Dale Reed & Habitat For Humanity delivered food 3 times to our food cupboard. It was such a blessing to be able to distribute food to all the families that we know who are in need in our community. We certainly want to thank Mr. Reed for his generous help. Our collection jar at Quicklee's has brought in an amount of cash each month & we thank them for letting us have our collection jar. In late September or early October we are should receive a donation of food & clothing items from the Dollar General Store, who have been very generous in their donations & we give them a big thank you. We also want to sincerely thank Mr. Bennett for his generous offer of produce to the families in need. we want to thank Mr & Mrs Belding for their support. We are hoping to have a food drive in October for Thanksgiving & Christmas. We appreciate you, our church family, for the caring support you have given us in this mission that is so important to Cliff & I. Everyone have a great September & enjoy the cooler weather.

Sincerely, Cliff and Mary Ann Pimm

Church Newsletter



The deadline for the October newsletter will be Sunday, Sept. 25. 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 will continue to prepare & deliver a dinner to the Veterans' Club house on Foster St. in Canandaigua at 4:30PM on the 2nd Monday of each month. You do not need to do it all! Different ways you can assist: 1) Offer to help make a portion of the dinner. 2) Prepare a dinner & coordinate with one of the volunteers for delivery: (Pat Talley 657-7226, Dorothy Strapp 657-7598, or Norene Adams 624-5463.) 3) Offer to help with the expenses



"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 Rev. Mary

Make a meal for the Canandaigua Veterans –

Sign up in Fellowship Hall

Help with visitations for our homebound members - see Rev. Mary

Donate pop cans 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



Ministry Directory

Ad/Board Chairman: Bambi Talley
Christian Education: _____
Finance Chairman: Scott Layton 465-2039
Financial Sec.: Norene Adams 624-5463
Food Pantry: MaryAnn & Cliff Pimm 657-7338
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Treasurer: Sue Vary 315-939-4406
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Sanctuary Chair: Jennifer Layton 455-7602



In Our Area:

Sat., Sept. 10 BARNFEST 2016, at the Old Bloomfield Big Red Barn, 6525 Rts 5 & 20. A music festival to benefit W. Bloomfield Congregational Church & their missions. featuring YB3 (WBCC's newest youth band), dbdb, Dirt Child & the Ayers Brothers Band. Venue opens at 4 pm. Music starts at 4:30. Hot dogs, drinks, chips & dessert are available for sale, or bring your own refreshments. Bring a lawn chair! Tickets \$10. More info: 624-1313 or email wbccoffice@rochester.rr.com

A Community Friendship Luncheon will be held on Thursday, Sept. 15th, at the E. Bloomfield UMC. Doors open at 11:30am, lunch served 12-1. All are welcome for lunch & fellowship. A free will offering is accepted. Handicapped accessible. Bloomfield snow day = no lunch. Please call the church at 657-7220 for more info.

Sat., Oct. 1, 4pm until sold out: Fall Chicken BBQ. St. Mark's, 18 Rt 251, Mendon adults \$10, kids under 12 \$5; under 5- free

Sat., Oct. 1, 4-7pm: Annual Roast Pork Dinner
1st Congregational Church of East Bloomfield

October 7, 7pm, "Simple Gifts" Concert, East Bloomfield First Congregational Church, This is an award winning group that has performed at our church . Tickets \$12

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

Free Food-link Mobile Food Pantry - at the Blessing Room Parking Lot, St. Bridget's Church, Bloomfield 2nd Friday of the Month, 4-6 PM rain or shine: Sept. 9. Registration begins at 3 PM. No criteria required

Benincasa, the hospice in Mendon, **is in need of Volunteers!**. The nursing staff provides volunteers with all the guidance & training that is needed. Please contact Benincasa at 624-8070.



Pop cans/bottles for Telica

Drop off your cans & bottles in the crate behind the church. The money will be used for missions



Happy Birthday!!!

- 1 Hayden Price
- Yvonne Stone
- Nate Talley
- 7 Tom O'Brien
- Maureen Thompson
- 9 Cheryl O'Brien
- 10 Jacob Garling
- 13 Cathi Parrish
- 14 Brad Bennett
- 15 Ron Stonewell III
- Dorothy Strapp
- 18 Mary Willis
- 21 Lynn Brien
- Lauren Twardokus
- 22 Paul Inglesby
- 23 Bob Price
- Hanna Schlenker
- 24 Karen Strapp
- 25 Margaret Tiffany
- 26 Jenny O'Brien
- 27 Holly Parrish
- 28 Dale Twardokus
- 29 Clifford Pimm
- 30 Betty Chapple

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Sat., Sept. 17th

on our church grounds!

Pancake Breakfast 7:30-10AM
Chicken BBQ noon til sold out
Tractor Parade 1 PM
Music 11am-4:30pm
Dessert Wheel
Children's Games
Door Prizes
Vendors
Hayrides
Scout Demos
Indoor Displays
Fun all day long!

Interested in helping out? Sign up in Fellowship Hall or contact Mary Twardokus 657-7722 or Scott & Jen Layton 455-7602,465-2039

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Holiday Fair Craft Show

Nov. 19th, 9:00AM – 3:00 PM

at the Bloomfield Elementary School
102 spaces of crafts & homemade items!



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Check it out!

