



Faith Connections – June 2023

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From Our Pastor's Desk:

Dear ones,

We made a lot of noise in church recently – we blasted horns and recorders and banged on drums and clapped our hands – because the scripture said so! We learned that praising God is an experience that has its quiet, meditative moments, and also its dancing, singing, and noisy out loud time! In the noise of praise, we made space for the Lord. We made lots of beautiful, noisy space for God's love to whirl around the sanctuary and we praised! What do you imagine was it like when the Holy Spirit was given to God's gathered people?

Scripture says: *the spirit came down like fire and the rush of a violent wind!* (Acts 2:1-10)

Pentecost is both an event in the life of the church and a *season* that lives out the implications of the event. Pentecost Sunday marks the shift in the liturgical calendar from telling the story of Jesus, our Messiah, and Savior, to telling the story of the church through people who love Christ; we are some of the ones who choose to be disciples of Jesus the Christ. (UMDiscipleship.org)

Have you thought about Pentecost this way, sort of like a shift in how we proceed in our faith? After the resurrection and the ascension, we are directed to live this amazing story of God. What were they experiencing, those who received this powerful Holy Spirit's presence? I cannot imagine the supernatural power of this scene and what it meant to those gathered in its wake. Powerful is hardly a descriptive enough word, is it? As we remember and respect the moment of God's Holy Spirit landing with the people, can we make this shift to journey with our telling the story of the "church"?

It doesn't mean, of course, that we stop talking about Jesus or that the church doesn't appear in the first half of the liturgical year, of course not... It does mean that this long season

we sometimes call Ordinary Time is our time; perhaps we could think of this part of the journey as the church's time to remember the sending of the Great Commission! Perhaps the empowerment of the Pentecost event as the Holy Spirit was sent down to God's people announced by wind and fire to be seen and heard is the way the "church" began by intentionally gathering people for worship and praise!

It appears we have been called to live our faith out loud in the world, reflecting the values and priorities of the kingdom, or kin-dom of God. Shall we do this? Praise be to God!

For the past seven weeks (Easter season) we have been singing, praying, and speaking about how we get to the "out loud part of our faith" under the gaze of grace in Christ, the resurrected Lord of our lives. Now it is time to get intentional for sharing the message God has blessed us all with: love one another.

We remember the moment when fire came from heaven and the power of the Spirit blew through the church with a "violent wind". And then we stop in adoration and awe as we consider the source of this power and the sustaining presence that is ours in this endeavor of faith we are traveling together.

As we remember that God came down like wind and fire, let's get excited about all there is to share about our Almighty God, wonderful counselor, shepherd, brother, sister, friend, and Savior. I am so blessed and excited to be in this ministry with you in 2023, praise be to God!

With grace and love, Pastor Robin





Ray Van Der Laan & Max Lucado DVD

Studies – after Sunday Worship on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sundays of the month

New Online Bible Study!

Monday evenings, 7-8pm

We will begin an online summer bible study this coming June 5th. It is a "drop in" bible study & you may join on any week. We will continue for 8 weeks & follow the lectionary. We will take August off, then begin again in the fall. Follow the link below to a lectionary calendar for the weekly scriptures. Please email Pastor Robin for the link! Praise God for your interest in getting into the Word!
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/lections.php?year=A&season=Season%20after%20Pentecost>



Kevin, Pastor Robin's nephew
Louise Childs, Pastor Robin's mother-in-law
A parishioner's son & his parents
Jan, Pat & Ron, Kay, Doris, Mary, Shirley, Elaine, MaryAnn & Cliff, & All our home-bound members
Our nation & the world & all countries engaged in war, may God's peace bear fruit
All those who mourn the loss of someone who served in the military on this Memorial Day weekend.
Our military men & women
All those battling COVID 19, cancer, & chronic diseases
Our planet's health as we engage in Creation Care
For our upcoming Community gathering & fundraising effort to support the mission & ministry of the faith community.
All the congregations in the connection who saying goodbye to one pastor and receiving another.
Pastors taking on new or additional church appointments.
The work & worship of the Annual Conference clergy & laypersons meeting June 1 - 3.
For Bishop Burgos & the appointive cabinet.
Those who are ordained into the UMC at the Annual Conference.
Congregations seeking pastors.
Disenfranchised members & pastors of churches voting for or against disaffiliation.
Families struggling to feed their children once school is out.

Upcoming Dates:



Strawberry Social

Thursday, June 15th, 4:30 – 6:30pm

We are back to socializing and eating inside our church hall! Enjoy seating inside the church & outdoors - weather permitting, & take-outs!

Our traditional menu: Hot dogs, hamburgers, sausages, salads, baked beans, goulash, & strawberry desserts (Strawberry Shortcake; Strawberry Sundae, the works (Strawberry Shortcake, & ice cream) & Hot Fudge sundaes) -- All items are priced a-la-carte (like pre-Covid).

We will need volunteers to cook & work so if you are able to help out, sign up in Fellowship Hall, email mt2152@hotmail.com, or call Mary 657-7722 or our new online option:

This year the team is excited to also offer online sign-ups for the jobs & food donations! Click on the link below to sign up. The hope is online Sign Up is easy and informative. Online sign-up address: <https://signup.com/go/DOFpfcP> If you need help with the online Sign-Up form, call Roger Cullen at 585-398-1282.

Please sign up for one or more jobs or food that you can contribute. Thank you for helping make this social another success!



Fall Festival,

Saturday, September 16th

on the church grounds

Tractor parade, pancake breakfast, BBQ, games, displays, demonstrations, & more!



Holiday Fair Craft Show

Saturday, November 18th

9:00AM – 3:00 PM

Bloomfield High School

Applications available after July 1st on our church website: www.ioniaumc.org/events





Congratulations to our Graduates!

- Tyler Parrish, Honeoye Falls High School, going on to Alfred State College
- Carlie Layton, Keuka College, History & Special Ed, student teaching & then grad school
- Cate Miller, Bloomfield High School, going on to SUNY Cortland
- Ian Talley, Bloomfield High School



We are still collecting used printer ink cartridges

that can be redeemed for coupons toward our church's office supplies at Staples. Leave the ink cartridges in the labeled box in Fellowship Hall. Thank you!



Since our church will not be having our annual garage sale, how about donating to another area church or charity?

Here are some ideas:

- ** East Bloomfield UMC Heavenly Treasures Sale, Thurs. & Fri. June 1st & 2nd: 9-2; & a bag sale on Sat, June 3, 9-noon For drop off times, contact the church office 657-7220 or ebumc1830@gmail.com
- ** The West Bloomfield Historical Society Yard Sale on Sat., July 8th;
- ** West Bloomfield UCC "Junk in your Trunk" is in August .(You can rent a space in their driveway to sell your stuff);
- ** Honeoye Falls UMC's Rummage Sale in October
- ** Honeoye Falls Presbyterian – dates?

Some other Non-Profits:

- ** Community Support Shoppe in Bloomfield;
- ** Habitat for Humanity's "Restore" store in Canandaigua;
- ** Asbury UMC Storehouse, East Ave, Rochester



Birthday Sunday

on the 2nd Sunday of each month

celebrating all those people with birthdays during that month! To make a cake for this celebration, you may sign up in Fellowship Hall or call Carol 657-7310.



Each Sunday morning, 8:30 am, Rev. Dr. Robin Blair hosts the, Finger Lakes Journal, radio show, on WYLF, AM 850. It is about 20 minutes in length where Rev. Blair has interviewed a guest about something that is happening in the beautiful Finger Lakes area that could be of interest to the folks like us who live here! From concert performers to museum curators and Fire Chiefs. You can listen in on the radio, AM 850, or from your computer: www.wyfl.com for "listen live" at 8:30 on Sunday mornings! It is super fun to hear our pastor on the air! Check it out!



Common Table Podcast UMC

The Social Holiness Team of UNY AC UMC, offers a variety of podcasts for your information regarding matters of social justice and love. Please visit: <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1940809>

Please share the above link with friends on Facebook or any social media you visit so the blessings of hope and love with peace and justice reach and reach out to all God's people



Our church's mission is to serve our church family & community.

Mission Team: Carol Hinds, Pastor Robin, and of course, the body of Christ!



Drop off your clean "NYS deposit" Pop Cans & Bottles for Missions

Place into the crate or trash containers next to the shed behind the church. Please drain the bottles & cans & place them in plastic bags! Thank you for all your donations! Pop cans and bottles do add up... Already this year **we have collected 8,500 cans & bottles!**



starts June 21st!



In Our Area:

Thurs. & Fri. June 1st & 2nd. 9-2; & a bag sale on Sat. June 3, 9-noon East Bloomfield UMC Heavenly Treasures Sale. For drop off times, contact the church office 657-7220 or ebumc1830@gmail.com

Sat., July 22, 11AM-4PM, Chicken BBQ, for 1ST Congregational Church in E. Bloomfield in front of Runnings store in Canandaigua

Aug. 14-18, 9am-noon Honeoye Falls Vacation Bible School, "Stellar" at Honeoye Falls UMC to register: <http://HFLVBS23.eventbrite.com>

Every Monday & Thurs.4-6pm & Weds. & Sat. 10am-noon Free Community Clothes Closet in Parsonage House, Victor UMC, 106 E. Main St., shop for free clothing, etc. Also - donation items are needed

2nd Mondays, 7pm Pub Theology at Fanatics in Lima with Honeoye Falls UMC "Beers, Conversations & God." All perspectives are welcome.

Every Wednesday, 11:30 am, free Hands Of Hope Lunch, at St Bridget's Church Hall, Bloomfield.

2nd Weds., 4:30-6 PM (or until sold out).Take-out Spaghetti Dinner at the UMC of Livonia,21 Summer St, Spaghetti, sauce, meatballs, undressed salad, and garlic bread. Donations accepted.

3rd Thurs. of each month 11:30-1:00, Free Community Lunch at East Bloomfield UMC

2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturdays of each month Free Community Dinner 5:00 – 6:30PM at Victor Presbyterian Church, 70 E. Main St., A sit down family style wholesome dinner with musical entertainment. Take-out meals will be available - call the church at 924-2289 during the Community Dinner time & then it will brought to your car.

4th Saturday of each month Free Breakfast, 9-11AM, at East Bloomfield UMC Pancakes, sausage, fruit, beverages.

10 a.m. to noon Fridays & Saturdays. Seeds of Love Clothing Closet in Honeoye – A new clothing closet providing free clothes for community members in need at 8961 Main St., Honeoye, a service of St. Mary & St. Matthew's churches For more information or to volunteer, contact Diane Brewer-Hawes at 259-6187 or dbrewerhawes@gmail.com. The clothes closet is accepting donations of clean, used spring and summer clothes only, sheets, towels, blankets, & shoes. Housewares will not be accepted. Drop off only when the clothing closet is open



Happy Birthday!

- 2 James Garling
Robert Parrish
- 3 Carlie Layton
- 4 Cindi Thomas
- 5 Elizabeth Bennett
Sharon Gilbride
- 6 Jeff O'Brien
Ciera Sullivan
Alice Wells
- 7 Vivian Schaefer
Bill Weld
- 9 Sarah O'Brien
- 10 David Fraser
- 12 Lori Stein
- 13 Jonathan Erb
Meredith Green
- 19 Hailey Willis
- 20 Sherri Baylor
John Bennett
- 23 Donald Dunlap
- 24 Morgan Knapp
- 26 Celina Stonewell
- 27 Lola Harloff
- 29 Sandra Parrish



Our Church Joys:

Our Altar to celebrate the Walk to Emmaus



Words of advice from a father to a son: *"If you live the Golden Rule everything else in life will usually work itself out, but if you don't, your life probably will be very unhappy & without meaning."*

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Sunday Worship Service:
9:30AM AM

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Pastor's Phone: 315-729-4485

FATHER'S DAY



In Gratitude to Fathers

"Fathers were sent from heaven above to protect us and guide us with strength, faith and love.

We thank you, dear fathers, for always coming through. God bless you and keep you in all that you do!"



Calendar

Sundays, 9:30 AM Worship Service &
10:30 AM Coffee Hour

Tuesday 6th : Trustees meeting

Sunday, 11th Birthday Sunday

Thursday, June 15th Strawberry Social

Tues., 20th: Ad Board meeting

Sunday, 25th Sunday Pot-Luck Brunch

