



Faith Connections – Summer 2023

Ionia United Methodist Church
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From Our Pastor's Desk:

I am delighted and offer praise to God that I continue to be appointed at Ionia UMC to serve God and all of God's people in the congregation and community! Thank you, Jesus! We are heading into year 5 together and I am grateful to serve God with all of you. We serve in the light of Faith, Hope, and Love to share what a relationship with Jesus is about for God's people.

There has been a wave of research recently published about declining church memberships and participation, I am grateful that is not what we are experiencing at Ionia UMC (bit.ly/3XpV6ic). The faithful attend worship, bible study and Sunday school, and creatively host events! It was reported that in our June Strawberry festival dinner community gathering and fund raiser, we filled at least 80+ tasks with volunteers! So, for the shoppers, planners, cooks and bakers, ice cream scoopers and burger grillers, for the silver ware washers and table clearers, for the youth that helped folks to their cars and for those of you who in addition to all the tasks, bought dinner and sat with neighbors at our table, praise the Lord for working through you! We could gather and enjoy such wonderful food and fellowship with our neighbors in our small country church with a big heart for Christ! It is always and forever about serving God with our lives, and at Ionia UMC, it is evident that is what we do; and the Holy Spirit wanders everywhere, amen!

Our summer online bible study is going well! We look at four scriptures each week from the Revised Common Lectionary, read it aloud and talk about its depth in its context; then notice how it speaks into our lives, today. Please join in any or all of the weeks! I will send you the Zoom link. We have folks from both inside our

congregational community and outside it, too. Maybe if you cannot get to worship very often, online bible study with friends is a good place to continue being in the Word and marking spiritual growth because God can speak into your life this way! *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

John 1:1

And a big thank you to those of you who came to my home in Romulus last week for worship and fellowship. We sang to the sky and stared at the lake and prayed out loud with birdsong and road traffic (it's life!) We welcomed guests from the Sikh tradition, Ralph and Joginder, who shared what Sikhism is about and how it is meaningful for them. Also how Sikhism and Christianity are based in love, worship one God, and call for peace among all God's people. It was a lovely time together, and again, I praise God for all of you.

This summer, I am asking that you give bible study on Zoom a try, read more scripture daily, and listen carefully to notice how God is speaking God's will to you – for your life and the life of the congregation we share. I am in prayer about how we will engage in Caring for Creation as an act of faith and how we can be radically hospitable to one another and to those who might join us in worship or events (among other prayers!). How is God speaking and calling that we will hear, pray, then act to God's purpose? I look forward to these prayers and discussions!

If you have not been to worship in a while, please consider honoring God with your presence in song, prayer, and community. You are loved from afar and I would very much like to speak that to you, in person. With praise to our Lord with love,
Pastor Robin



Kevin, Pastor Robin's nephew
 Louise Childs, Pastor Robin's mother-in-law
 A parishioner's son & his parents
 Lola Harloff is now in Thompson's Continuing Care.
 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
 Our military men & women
 All those battling cancer, COVID, & chronic diseases
 Our planet's health as we engage in Creation Care
 All the congregations who saying goodbye to one
 pastor and receiving another & those pastors taking
 on new or additional church appointments.
 Congregations seeking pastors.
 For Bishop Burgos & the appointive cabinet.
 Families struggling to feed their children now that
 school is out.



**Let's have a Card Shower to show that we
 are thinking of these people:**

Ron & Pat Bennett 1870 Strong Rd, Victor 14564
 Mary Dunne, PO Box 7, Ionia 14475
 Lola Harloff. Ewing Continuing Care, 350 Parrish St,
 Canandaigua 14424
 Shirley Kelly, 3132 Rt 21S, Canandaigua 14424
 Elaine Parrish Ewing Continuing Care, Room 108D
 350 Parrish St, Canandaigua 14424

Our Upcoming Dates:



**Fall Festival,
 Saturday, September 16th**

on the church grounds
 Tractor parade, pancake breakfast, BBQ, games,
 displays, demonstrations, & more!
 For tractor parade information: contact John
 Bennett 585-657-6245. For vendor booth
 information: contact Marna Evans 585-624-4993.
 Come for a fun fall day in the country!



**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

Holiday Fair Craft Show – we need a volunteer or two
 to work together to oversee the lunch at the craft
 show! Judy & Mary will arrange for the food, so the
 job will be only setting up & overseeing the lunch that
 day



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.
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/lections.php?year=A&season=Season%20after%20Pentecost>

Zoom link is:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82468585609?pwd=T1RVZzJFdWdUMGFIR3UrdHZqVGpEUT09>
 if you need them(which you should not if you follow
 the above link), the passcode is 018273 Meeting
 ID) 824 685 856 09

Praise God for your interest in getting into the Word!

**Ray Van Der Laan & Max Lucado DVD
 Studies** will resume in mid-September after
 our worship service & fellowship time



The view during Worship at the Lake



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!



In Our Area:

Sunday, July 9, from 1 to 8 pm .Family Promise's Family Fun Days at Lincoln Hill Farms are a blast for everyone! Lincoln Hill Farms has invited Family Promise to raise awareness and raise money on Come join us for live music, craft brews for those who partake, food specials, and more! We will host a silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and a quilt raffle to raise funds for our mission to end family homelessness in Ontario County.

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 July Birthday!



- 3 Samantha Madafferi
- 7 Richard Twardokus
Rev. Dr. Robin Blair
- 9 Robert Bastian
Joshua Dunne
Hannah Wagorn
- 10 Shaune Sullivan
- 12 Neil Washburn
- 15 Debbie O'Brien
- 16 Richard Belding
Casey Sullivan
- 17 Linda Miller
Chance Sullivan
29 Anne Stone
Adam Talley
- 19 Wendy Bastian
- 21 Taylor Willis
- 23 Thomas Thompson
- 24 Emma Baldwin
- 28 Matt Schaefer
Patti Willis
- 30 Tessa Milton
- 31 Elaine Parrish



Our Church Joys:

Our Pastor Robin has been reappointed to serve our church & continue her ministry here 2023- 2024!

Our Strawberry Social! We made a nice profit but even more importantly it is an outreach to our community & opportunity for fellowship! What a joy to be able to have it inside again!

We thank all those who worked so hard to make it successful, those who donated food & those who came to eat!

Emma Lynn was born on June 3rd Marna and Larry Evans' great-granddaughter ,Lorrie & John Stein's granddaughter, & daughter of Tara & Matt!

We sang the song "Strangely Warmed" that Mary jane Bennett wrote in the 1980's to the tune of "Are You Able!"

Our church made it through Covid & all, & continues to thrive & share God's love!

Thank you to the town for giving us the extra stone after Elton Road was resurfaced!

7 people have been participating in our Zoom Bible Study!



Happy August Birthday!!

- 4 Kay Bennett
- 5 Nicholas Albert
Wayne Parrish
MaryAnn Pimm
- 8 Julie Giessler
- 9 Tim O'Brien
- 13 Adam Brien
Katie Cantie
Jonny Willis
30 Chris Cantie
- 16 Carrie Willis
- 18 Jackie Bennett
- 25 Jimmy Stahl
- 26 Andy Stahl
- 27 Abbey Miller
Ed Strapp, Jr
Cooper Thompson
- 28 Jason Bastian
Madison Brien
James Sullivan
- 31 Michelle McMillan
Thomas Thompson, Jr
Gage Wagorn
32 Bernice Talley
- 31 Jeffery Frelie
Stephanie Fryer
Cale Gillan



Our sanctuary on Pentecost Sunday!



"Worship on the lake!"

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9:30AM AM

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Facebook: "IoniaUMCNY"

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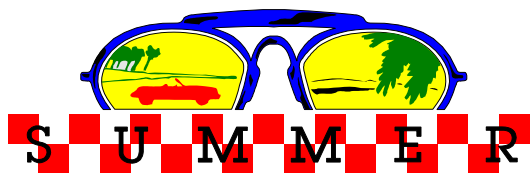
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Robin Blair

Pastor's Email: revrobinblair@gmail.com

Pastor's Phone: 315-729-4485



Sundays, 9:30 AM Worship Service &
10:30 AM Coffee Hour
Sunday, July 11th Birthday Sunday
Sunday, July 30th Brunch
Tues., Aug. 22nd: Ad Board meeting



*"Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can."*

John Wesley