



Faith Connections – November 2024

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From Our Pastor's Desk:

Dear Church Family,

As we approach the Thanksgiving season, it's a wonderful time to reflect on the many blessings in our lives. This month's newsletter is dedicated to the theme of gratitude, and we invite you to join us in celebrating the abundance that surrounds us.

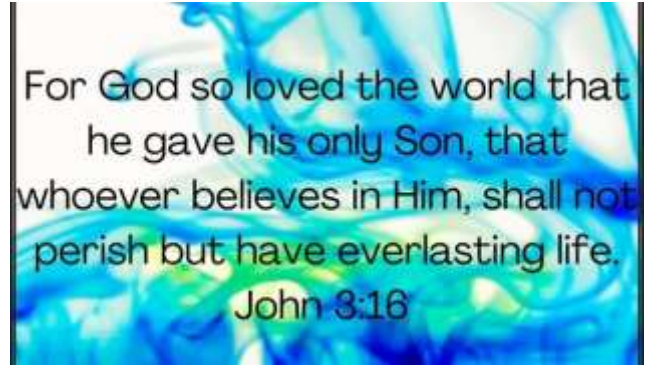
The scripture is full of verse that invites us to an attitude of thanks to the Lord our God. We know that God is the source of all things good, and even in the most challenging times we can be faithful to God's goodness. Consider just a few of the verses that remind us of the blessings we have access to in our living if we remember to call upon the Lord: 1 Thessalonians 5:18, Psalms 7:17, Philippians 4:6, John 3:16 (see the inside pages!).

We will not have a consecration Sunday for pledges to our ministry of financial administration this year because folks that I have talked to intend to continue to support Ionia UMC as they have - and a little more! I thank you in advance for your generosity and steady participation in faith. Additionally, we know there is a need to replenish the capital improvements fund as the trustees are making the purchase of new furnaces for the building as the need has presented itself. We are grateful for the good stewardship of the trustees and the Administration Council in leadership for this and all that is prayed over and discussed. Please continue your donations and gifts to the church as you have, and if you can, be a little more generous so we can discuss the visions God is sharing for the ministry of Christ through the church as we reach out and praise God!

As you read the pages of the newsletter this month, please consider thinking about them with thankfulness. There is so much to thank God for in our lives as spiritual people devoted to Christ. We have the freedom to worship as we do in this country. We have the blessing of this congregation, community, and our beautiful building to center our worship and gathering. We have the blessing of siblings in the United Methodist Church who leave no one outside of the full covenant of faith for marriage and ordination; we have the blessing of respectfully living side by side in our differences. Inside, the pages of our newsletter this month you'll find generosity, updates on our community outreach efforts, and ways you can get involved in spreading kindness and thankfulness. Let's come together as a church family to express our appreciation for all that we have in salvation through grace and share our blessings with everyone.

May your hearts be filled with gratitude this Thanksgiving season.

In praise of Christ with love,
Pastor Robin



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!



Sue, Pat, Kay, Gary, Doris, Shirley, Elaine, Jan, Lola, Cliff & MaryAnn, & all our home-bound members
Our nation & the world & all countries engaged in war
Our military men & women
All those battling cancer, COVID, & chronic diseases.

Bible Studies
Sundays, 9:00 AM for all ages!
We are looking for someone to help with the children's class. If you can help out, also contact Pastor Robin.



Joys in our church
Jacquie for the beautiful altar each week!
Don for all he does around our church building!
The beautiful fall we have had!

I will give to the Lord the thanks due to God's righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High. Ps. 7:17

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING BUT IN EVERY SITUATION, BY PRAYERS AN PETITION, WITH THANKSGIVING, PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO GOD.
PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Common Table Podcast
The Social Holiness Team of UNY AC UMC, (Pastor Robin is a member) offers a variety of podcasts for your information regarding matters of social justice and love. Please visit:
<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1940809>



daylight saving time ends

Turn your clocks back on Sunday, November 3rd!





Our church's mission is to serve our church family & community & the world!



Drop off your clean & empty "NYS deposit 5¢" Pop Cans & Bottles for Missions

Place into the crate or trash containers next to the shed behind the church. Please place them in plastic bags! **(Please NO RECYCLABLE items like plastic milk jugs, etc)**



For our Creation Care Misson: Recycle your soft plastic bags! Please take them to a participating store & place them in their recycling bin.



From the Green Team and Ontario County Recycling:

Recycling Update: New Materials Accepted

Thermoform plastics are now accepted for recycling. These are clear plastic packages that include berry containers, salad containers, and clamshell containers. Clear plastic cups are also now accepted. These are cups you might get an iced coffee or other to-go beverage in when you are out and about. Colored plastic cups, like the typical red kind, are not accepted at this time. You can find more information on our blog [here](#) and on our residential recycling page <https://ontariocountyrecycles.org/101/Residential-Recycling>

It always important to remember that recycling changes, what is and is not accepted can sometimes be updated. Check back here for updates, or sign up to receive emails by clicking [ontariocounryrecycles.org/list.aspx](https://ontariocountyrecycles.org/list.aspx)



Holiday Fair Craft Show: Saturday, November 16th

9:00AM – 3:00 PM

Bloomfield High School, 21 Oakmount Ave.

Booth Applications are available on our church website: www.ioniaumc.org

120 crafter spaces selling a wide variety of crafts, gifts, & homemade goodies.

Our church will have their candy booth, too!

Free admission & parking

Lunch will be made by & profited by Hands of Hope Kitchen

Bring your holiday shopping list!

Did You

Thank God for clean water today?

The blessing of clean water is part of our living on this beautiful planet. Creation Care ministry at Ionia UMC is devoted to the education and activation of the congregation as good stewards of God's creation.

Let's start with a prayer of thanks!

Gracious Source of life, we thank you for the water in our skies, rivers, lakes and oceans. Continue to help us remember to respect the water you have given for Jesus was baptized in it, we quench our thirst with it, and grow our food with it. In peace and thanks we pray, AMEN.

Join our IUMC GREEN TEAM, today.
Contact Roger Cullen or Pastor Robin



Our church is again collecting printer ink cartridges!

Place them in the box in Fellowship Hall or in the plastic tote on the back porch. We can now get coupons for our office supplies!



In Our Area:

Sat., Dec. 7, 9am-3pm: 51st Teazaar at 1st Presbyterian Church, 21 N. Main St, Honeoye Falls Christmas Crafts, gifts, decorations, food & more. Enter red front doors

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.

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 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., Sit-down & take-out meals will be available

Fridays & Saturdays 10 a.m. to noon. Seeds of Love Clothing Closet in Honeoye – A clothing closet providing free clothes for community members in need at 8961 Main St., Honeoye, a service of St. Mary & St. Matthew's churches

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



Happy October Birthday!

Amy Mohr, Kaitlyn Tiffany, Hannah Gilbride, Meaghan Gilbride, Carrie Twardokus, Richard Albert, Jr., Jordan Strapp, Gabi Thomas, Hank Stone, Marjorie Albert, Hannah Vary, Julie Sullivan, Sophia Tiffany, Lydia Bennett, Lee Belding, Jerry Baylor, Lacey Cantie, Adam Chapple, Jenny Twardokus, Ronald Parrish, Jan Mibaum, Gary O'Brien, Thomas Chapple, Pat Talley, John Tyo



Birthday Sunday on the 2nd Sunday of each month

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



Ionia UMC prays thanks to our veterans this Veterans' Day Nov. 11th~: Dick Belding, Larry Evans, & Bambi Talley



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REV DR ROBIN BLAIR, PASTOR

WE WERE CLOSER TO GOD TODAY
BECAUSE YOU JOINED IN WORSHIP

YOU ARE WELCOME TO THIS
COMMUNITY OF COMPASSION AT

IONIA UMC

In Christ we pray...

We are a Christ-centered community and
ministry based on faith, hope and love. *1 Cor 13*

Faith: Eternal life
through Jesus Christ

Hope: Saved by grace

Love: Following Christ's
commandment to love all
neighbors as ourselves

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Worship Service
10:00am Sunday

9:00 am Christian Ed
all ages



More Photos later in the newsletter!

2024 Fall Festival!



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Sunday Bible Study: 9:00 AM

Sunday Worship: 10:00 AM



Calendar

Sundays, 9:00 AM Bible Study
10:00 AM Worship Service
11:00 AM Coffee Hour
Sunday, Nov 3rd Turn Clocks Back
All Saints Day
Sunday, Nov. 10th, Birthday Sunday
Monday, Nov. 11th Veterans Day
Tuesday, Nov. 19th Ad Board meeting
Sunday, Nov. 24th, Free Thanksgiving
Potluck Lunch &
Christ The King Sunday
Thursday, Nov. 28th Thanksgiving Day



54th Annual Holiday Fair

Saturday, November 16, 2024

9 AM – 3 PM

Bloomfield High School

Oakmount Avenue



**Lunch made & profited by
Hands of Hope Kitchen**

120 craft spaces

Free admission & parking

Handicap accessible

Bring Your Holiday Shopping List!

You are invited to a Dine Together

THANKSGIVING Potluck Lunch

with Blessing Room food collection



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