

The Messenger

The Monthly Newsletter of
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"Your Community Church"

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We will celebrate this special day at our
10:30 a.m. Worship - Come Join Us!

The Roast Beef Dinner is Saturday at 5:00 & 6:30

For reservations or take out call (845) 246-7802



From the Pastor's Desk

World Communion Sunday

This Sunday is World Communion Sunday! It is a day set apart for all Christian Churches, regardless of their denominational affiliation, to celebrate Holy Communion with one, world-wide voice. This idea came about because while all of the churches believe in Jesus, certain theologies, rituals and practices keep them apart. Why is that?

When Jesus ascended to heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father, He left behind the task of building the church with the disciples who were – people – just like us. As people we are not perfect. We are given to move whichever way the wind blows. We adjust our plans according to the reception we receive when we announce them. We are fearful of offending people and try to play it safe. But that is not what Jesus did! But while he was fully human, He was also fully divine; therefore He was able to stay the course unto death. But we are not willing to go that far.

As the original church grew from meeting in people's homes to erecting buildings designed solely for the purpose of worship, and as the power of the pulpit became apparent, the attitude of the people in-charge began to change. They injected their own beliefs, which usually benefited them rather than the masses, and charted new courses which have been followed ever since.

One of the first changes was to remove women from positions of power. The women were forced from the pulpit (yes, in the earliest days of the church women preached) and were left without a voice. Still, women were the builders behind the scene, encouraging their children to attend church and keeping the family faithful to the Gospel. But which Gospel?

There were many controversies in the early days of the church, some even continue to this day. Disagreements centered on issues such as: whether or not Jesus was human or divine or both; did Jesus rise from the dead in bodily form or as an apparition; and at Communion, does the bread and wine actually turn into Jesus' body and blood? This last point caused great confusion within the church and to persons outside the church; many believed Christians practiced cannibalism!

The theological name for the belief that the bread and wine are indeed changed into body and blood is called consubstantiation. This is the belief of churches including Roman Catholic, Lutherans, Episcopalians and others. The Methodist church believes that in Holy Communion the elements are not physically changed, but spiritually transformed into the love and grace of Jesus. During the Communion feast we are in true communion with Jesus and with each other. Jesus says wherever two or three are gathered in my name He will be in their midst. Jesus also said that we should celebrate Communion 'in remembrance of Him.' Another point that Methodists believe is that when we receive Communion, we are renewing the covenant that Jesus made with us: 'that whosoever shall believe in me shall not perish but have eternal life.'

On this Sunday, when the world celebrates Holy Communion it is the hope that all churches will put aside their differences and accept Communion as it is meant to be: the sacrament that allows us to feel the power of Jesus' love and grace and to use that power to transform ourselves and the world. This is a hope worth praying for!

God Bless you all,

Pastor Tony



Please keep in your prayers Michael Robinson and Jessica Gallo-Harrison (Mother Goose Teacher) who were hospitalized this week; Kristy Bishop in her battle with cancer; and Bob Aiello who suffered a stroke.



Holiday A-Fair

The Holiday A-Fair is scheduled for Friday evening, Nov. 16 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On Friday evening we will have hot dogs and chili for sale, and on Saturday we plan to offer soup and sandwiches.

Here are some of the areas of the Fair and the person in charge of each:

- Recycled Jewelry - Robin Burns
- Recycled Toys - Joan Robinson
- Used Books - Audrey Klinkenberg
- Bake Table - Karen Reynolds
- Recycled Treasures - Al McDowell
- Crafts - Diane McDowell and Debbie Mecca
- Boutique - Marilyn Bucher
- Kitchen - Lisa Kopycinski

We will also have some used winter clothing for sale.

If you would like to donate recycled treasures for the sale, they can be put in the Church basement. (No large furniture or televisions please - they just don't sell at the Fair). Nice / new items for the Boutique can be put on the table in the Church lounge.

The Church Fair benefits all of us in promoting community. A tasty meal and shopping at the Fair is a great way to begin the holiday season. The Fair is also a significant fund raiser for the Church.

Get involved! Let us know if you have new ideas or just want to help.

Diane McDowell and Joan Robinson, Fair Co-Chairs



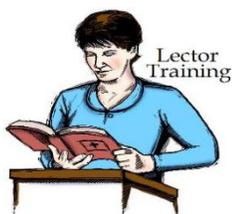
The Crafting Group is on hiatus until sometime in January. You can still continue to craft at home and bring your creations to the Church Fair for us to sell!



The initial Tai Chi program proved so popular that another series of classes will be offered early next year.



CROPWALK The Saugerties Area Council of Churches is once again sponsoring the **CROP WALK** on Sunday, October 14 in the afternoon. What is a Crop Walk? It is a national organization which raises money for food pantries both locally and across the country. The money raised is divided between the Saugerties Food Pantry and the main organization. If you are interested in walking (through the village), or just sponsoring a walker, see Joan Robinson or Tracy Puertas for details.



Please consider becoming a Lector. Reading scripture is a blessing and an integral part of our worship. See Pastor Tony or just sign-up in the book in the lobby.



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

Some of our youth have been teaching the rest of the Sunday School children a new song during our Opening Assemblies. The children will sing for the congregation during worship on Sunday, October 14. Please be sure your children are in worship on the 14th to sing!

BFF KIDS for those in grades 4-6 will meet on October 12 & 19! BFF stands for Best Foot Forward and is a time for making new friends, learning about yourself and participating in activities about being your best self ever. And there are always lots of games to play! We meet in Fellowship Hall from 6-7:30 PM and supper is included! BFF Kids meets twice a month. This program is open to the public so invite anyone in grades 4-6 to attend! For more information contact Debbie Mecca.



Youth Group News!

Youth group will now begin at 6:00 PM for Youth Group Hang Out! We will use the first half hour to hang out with friends—to talk, play foosball, cards and get to know one another better. Program time will begin promptly at 6:30 and end at 8 PM.

OCTOBER 7, 14 & 21: HAUNTED HOUSE PREP AND REHEARSALS 6:00-8PM in the Youth Room.

OCTOBER 26: HAUNTED HOUSE—details tbd depending on our planning, etc. The event itself will run from 7:30-9:00PM, but help will be needed earlier to decorate and do costuming and makeup.

OCTOBER 28: GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS: Sometimes it's not so easy, is it? People can be moody, mean or strange. But it doesn't mean we can't get along. We'll figure out how to do it by creating skits and brainstorming together. From 6:00-8PM in the Youth Room.



THE SCARIEST HAUNTED HOUSE AROUND WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 26 from 7:30-9 PM!! Please come and support our youth in this yearly event. It's free and will be a fun time!

It's time for our annual **Charge Conference!**

What is a Charge Conference? In the United Methodist Church each year the members gather with the District Superintendent to review the past year and report on plans for the new one. Officers and trustees of the church are elected at the meeting as well as voting for financial issues. The meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 20 at 1:30 PM.

UMW News

The 2018 NY Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting and Learning Fair will take place on Saturday, October 29, at St. James United Methodist Church, 35 Pearl St., Kingston. The event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with check-in and a continental breakfast beginning at 7:30. The registration fee is \$30 and includes the continental breakfast and luncheon. Registration is on-line at <https://ny.brtapp.com/>. Joan Robinson is the registrar for this event.

Five workshops are being offered. They are:

1. Treasurer & Financial Planning/ Money Management,
2. Nominations and Team Building,
3. Vice President & Program Planning,
4. Secretary and Record Keeping,
5. UMW Legacy/150 years.

Attendees should sign up for one of these on the registration form.

Prayer Bead Ministry Workshop

Prayer is a powerful form of keeping everyone in thought and helps create less stress in this crazy world. Come experience a new way of prayer with Protestant Prayer beads. Learn how to create prayer bead chaplets and how to create a prayer bead ministry at your own church. You will leave with your own prayer bead chaplet that you will create.

Cost: \$5 to cover the cost of materials. Scholarships will be available.

Sunday, October 7 12:30 PM to 2:30 PM

If you have any questions or to register please contact:

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Following the words of Jesus, "Feed the hungry" and to help our local community, there will be a special collection of items for the food pantry. We have the opportunity to support the pantry by donating food which is not readily available to be purchased in bulk by them, specifically cans of pears and cans of beets. Please bring them to church over the next two weeks. There is a basket in the lobby for your donations.



Anniversaries & Birthdays

October Birthdays

3 – Barbara Marcello	10 – Carolyn Newkirk	16 – Jeremy Squires
10 – Ian Abrahamsen	13 – Alison Byrne	25 – Alyssa Rose
10 – Holly Puertas	14 – Nickie Joers	26 – Lisa Kopycinski
		26--Khristian Chauncey

October Anniversaries

12 – Ann & Dave Robinson	20 – Nancy & John Forsythe
15 – Diane & Al McDowell	23 – Deb & Peter Bazzani



Cupcakes and Painting!

Please join us for fundraiser for the many ministries we do here at SUMC!!

We will be painting a wooden sign with local artist Heather Myer, who leads us through the whole process. And when we are done—we get to eat a gourmet cupcake that Heather makes for the event. Drinks include water, lemonade and iced tea

The cost is \$50 and you have your choice of 1 of 2 designs which you will be able to personalize with the colors you want—pictures are on Facebook at Cup-Corks and Canvas by Heather Myer

When: Friday November 2nd Where: Here at SUMC Time: 6:30 to 9:00 pm

How to register: Either on Facebook at Cup-Corks and Canvas by Heather Myer OR give money to Linda Joers and she will get ticket for you

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