

The Messenger 3.0

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Welcome to the newsletter of the Saugerties United Methodist Church. We hope you'll find it informative and useful. If there are committee report, news articles, events, etc. please submit them to Al McDowell at almcdowell1@gmail.com no later than the first Friday of the month, and please put 4Messenger on the subject line. The newsletter will be delivered to your email shortly thereafter. Comments, questions and suggestions can be submitted to the same email address.

This is your newsletter – contribute! Many hands make great work!

Centerville UMC Personal Care Pantry is Open!

Now that the Centerville personal care pantry has reopened for the season, SUMC is looking forward to resuming its mission of showing concern for the well-being of our neighbors by supporting this outreach program. This endeavor provides personal care items to a growing population which is less fortunate and in need. We hope you will contribute to this worthy cause by donating any of the items listed below. Brand names are requested. They may be left in or beside the brown basket on the table in the Narthex. Thanks for your generosity!

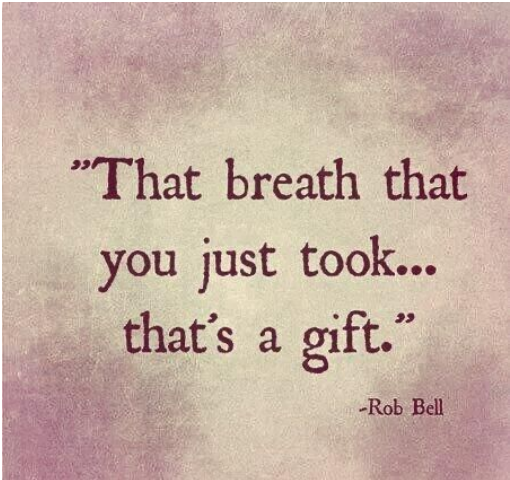
Toothpaste, sanitary napkins/tampons, Toothbrushes, shaving cream: M, F

Dental floss, razors: M, F Bath soap/bar soap, band-aids

Dish soap, Q tips, Deodorant: M, F, kleenex/tissues

Laundry detergent, trash bags, Liquid hand soap toilet paper, individually wrapped

Body powder paper towels, Shampoo, napkins, Wash cloths



“That breath that
you just took...
that’s a gift.”

-Rob Bell

Altar Flowers

Let's beautify our altar! If you wish to honor or remember a loved one with altar flowers in their name, please sign up at least a week in advance in the red binder on the radiator in the Narthex. This is to allow time to be included in the weekly bulletin. Arrangements are available at your choice of either \$25 or a larger arrangement for \$30. Please contact Laurie, the florist, at Judy's Floral Shoppe on 9W at [845-246-4415](tel:845-246-4415) to make your selection and arrange for payment. She will deliver to the church.



Book Club News

The next meeting of the Book Club is Monday, June 10 at 2:00. We will be discussing the book 'Northwoods' by Daniel Mason. We meet in the Church lounge, and all are welcome!

Summer Worship

The worship times at our churches will not change for the summer, so you can attend whichever service fits your schedule:

Centerville UMC at 9:00 a.m.

Saugerties UMC at 10:30 a.m.

Yard Sale

Thank you again to everyone who helped at the first Church yard sale of the year on April 19 and 20. We were able to set up in record time with all of the assistance from so many people, and the clean up was accomplished in record time also - 1/2 hour after closing!

All of the 'sales' were by donation by the generous participants. Here is a summary of the financial results:

Friday income: \$1,267.80

Saturday income: \$553.20

Subtotal: \$1,821.00

Sales prior to the event: \$85.00

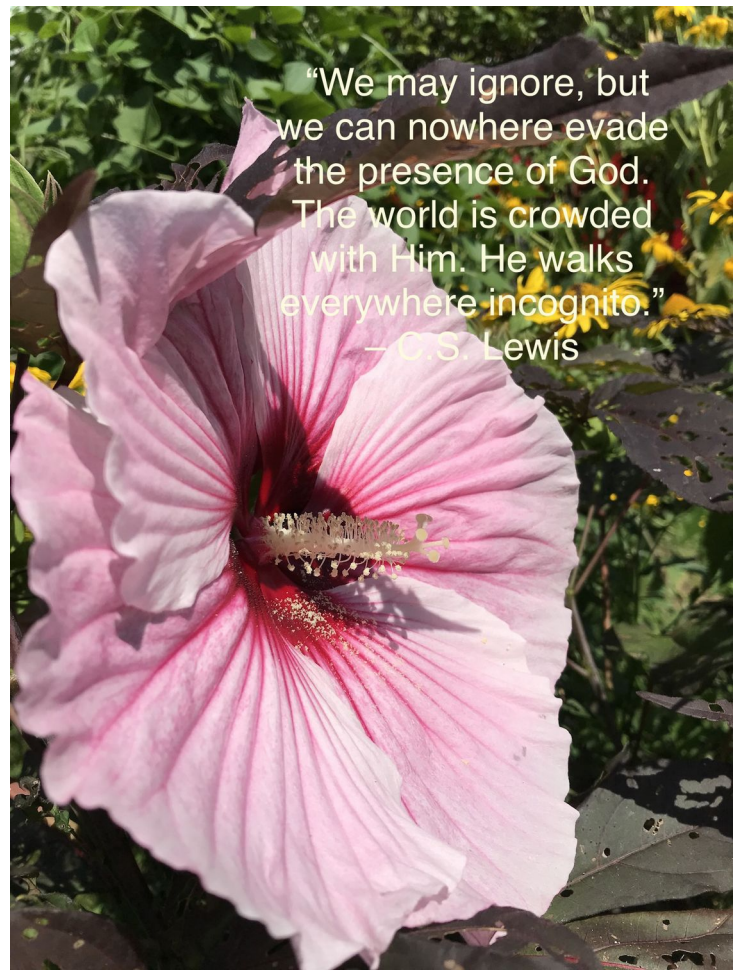
Sales after the event: \$75.00

Grand Total: \$1,981

We were also able to make many connections with the community.

We are planning on another yard sale on May 31 and June 1 to coordinate with the Saugerties Library Street Fair (which draws a lot of people into the area). Put this on your calendar now!

AND BRING IN YOUR UNWANTED 'STUFF' FOR THE SALE! There wasn't much left over from the April sale!



MEDITATIONS AND PRAYERS FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

As we approach Annual Conference, daily meditations and prayers are offered each morning (Monday thru Friday) at 7:00 a.m. These are being led by laity from each of the six districts in the New York Annual Conference. The meditations last for 5 minutes, and can be accessed by phone at (605) 313-4185. The access code is 135106. Enjoy a meaningful start to the day!

Diane McDowell



Hudson Valley Cooperative Parish News

What is happening in our Cooperative Parish? Last October we did a Fall Festival, complete with Trunk-or-Treating and other activities. The 'parachute play' was a big hit with children of all ages. As a mission project, the Parish purchased and assembled 100 flood buckets for disaster relief. These are just two examples of the kinds of things we are doing. It is amazing what can be accomplished with the combined efforts of our churches! And we are having fun while getting to know one another. What's next? There is a Hudson Valley Cooperative Parish meeting scheduled for



Monday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m., so you are invited to attend and find out - or suggest a project for the Parish. The meeting is on Zoom, so you can even do this from the comfort of home - no driving required. Let me know if you are interested, and I will send you the link. You can just join to see what the Parish is all about, or you can provide input for our next project.
Diane McDowell

Messy Church



Trunk or Treat



Delivering 100 flood buckets our parish put together!

The roast beef dinner was a great success!

We had many helpers on each of the 3 days that we prepared food. We sold 39 buffet dinners and 38 takeout meals. There were leftovers to sell the night of the dinner and on Sunday. A huge thank you to all our helpers and all our patrons. We made \$1100. A request came in to use real plates and silverware for the next buffet dinner. We have a volunteer to run the dishwasher at this event. We would need one more helper to make that efficient. More info when we get closer to the fall dinner.

Boys and Girls club

The SUMC continues to support the children of our community by providing a nutritious home cooked meal for the Boys and Girls Club on Partition St. whenever we can. We were managing twice a month but are in need of a few more volunteers. There are about fifty children there at dinner time. We know it is difficult to cook a home cooked meal for 50, so short cuts are ok! The kids like chicken cooked all different ways, they like salad, hot dogs, spaghetti, Mac and cheese, soup, stew. To mention some suggestions. If you are interested in this mission project or just want more info. Call me 845-246-1209 or 860-480-2743 or marilynbucher@gmail.com

Church Picnic

Our church family, SUMC and Centerville are planning a picnic Bar-B-Q for everyone on Sunday June 16, after church. It will be on the side yard, corner of Washington Ave. and Post St. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex, so we don't all bring the same thing! Or call Marilyn Bucher at 845-246-1209.

Hope to see you there!