

The Messenger 3.0

The Newsletter of the Centerville/Saugerties Churches

September 2024



To my beloved church family,

Hello everyone, it's already September. As the intense heat of summer begins to wane, the trees seem to be preparing new outfits for the upcoming season. Fall is on its way.

I truly love fall. It's the perfect season for someone like me who doesn't like it too hot or too cold. It has already been a year since I moved from the scorching heat of Georgia to New York and joined you all. Over the past year, there have been many events, and there are still many more to come. But as I reflect on the past year, I feel incredibly grateful. Thanks to your care and love, Alex and I have settled in well, and my English has been improving day by day because of you, my family!. I also want to let you know that I've grown as a pastor, thanks to you.

My dear friends, I pray for you all every day. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to love and for loving me. Please stay healthy, and let's continue to be happy together for a long time.

Warm regards, [Jay Yoon]



The trustees are always looking for volunteers for some of the work that gets done at the church. Depending on your skills/talent/availability if you can volunteer that would be great! We could use weeders, filers in the office, someone to come and clean the drain strainers on the flat roof, painters (indoors or out), plumbers, electricians..... if you would be willing to share your skills with us that would be great! Again, please contact me either using the above information or during coffee hour after church.



Sunday School news:

The Sunday School classroom will be ready for the first day on September 8. We will begin with creation. Our song after the children's message will be " He's got the whole world in his hands". We will try to use videos here and Pastor Jay will include them in his presentation. Please help the kids out by singing along.

As you know I am planning on retiring from teaching Sunday School. After many years, my spirit is guiding me to be involved in other ways and to attend church services. We are in need of teachers and assistants. If you can help in

any way please contact me or Joan.

We have lessons available from kidssundayschooldotcom. They are laid out and you can utilize them in many ways. Other resources are as noted in the flier. The children enjoy stories, crafts, videos, and games.

Pam, Joan, Ann, and Laura



Boys' and Girls' Club update.

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

SAUGERTIES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

UPCOMING EVENTS

(updated 8/29/24)

SEPTEMBER 2024

- Choir rehearsal resumes 9/5 @ 7:00-8:15
- Sunday School resumes 9/8
- Book Club 9/9 @ 2:00
- Weekly Bible Study starting 9/12 @ 10-11:30 a.m.
- Quarterly Hudson Valley Cooperative Parish worship 9/15 @ 2:00 at Memorial UMC in Modena
- Pro Musica 9/15 @ 3:00
- Crafts 9/16 @ 2:00
- United Women in Faith 9/17 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Hudson Valley Parish making fleece blankets 9/21 @ 10-2 at St. James UMC in Kingston
- Finance & Church Council 9/24 @ 6:30 & 7:00 p.m.
- Hudson Valley Parish meeting on Zoom 9/26 @ 7 p.m.
- Apple Festival 9/28 at Town of Esopus UMC

OCTOBER 2024

- Roast beef dinner 10/5 @ 5-7
- Crafts 10/7 @ 2:00
- Pro Musica 10/13 @ 3:00
- Book Club 10/14 @ 2:00
- United Women in Faith 10/15 @ 5:30 p.m.
- Crafts 10/21 @ 2:00
- Hudson Valley Parish meeting at Esopus UMC 10/24


@ 7 p.m.

- Weekly Cantata rehearsal at Rondout Valley UMC begins 10/26 @ 10:00 a.m.
- Finance & Church Council 10/29 @ 6:30 & 7:00 p.m.



From our Music Leader

Phyllis Clark, music leader, offers free music lessons to any member of the congregation or their family members- up to one hour a week, as time permits. She is a specialist in voice and singing, but can also teach piano, recorders, clarinet and saxophone, limited strings(Suzuki) music theory and note reading. She also invites anyone who likes to sing to join the Sunday worship choir. Please email her at clarkphyllise@gmail.com or stop by after Sunday worship.

On another  (Note,) if there are members of the congregation or visiting family members who play instruments and would like offer their talents for special music in a worship service, please let her know.

Thank you.
Phyllis




Help Wanted

Lectors - in some denominations they are called “readers.” In other churches they are called Liturgists. In all churches they are an important part of the mornings worship. We have enjoyed the service of our lectors for many years. It is a very pleasant way to assist the pastor in spreading the Good News Of Christ. The position has a rich history, and some interesting functions. If you’re interested in becoming a lector, or just want to know more, great! Please see Al or Diane McDowell.

Lay Servants - Are you interested in learning more about our Methodist roots, our interesting history and our evolution and growth into a vibrant and relevant faith community? Do you feel the call to do more than just sit in a pew every week, a call serve both God and community? A 6 week basic Lay Servant course could help you discern your call to serve in today’s church. If you’re willing to serve, think about taking the basic course. If you have an interest, please talk to Joan Robinson, Karen Reynolds or Diane or Al McDowell.

Ushers - You can never have too many ushers, right? Or is it not enough ushers? It seems like it might be another small, unnoticed, thankless kind of job in the church, but it isn't. It might be one of the more important Sunday morning worship leadership roles in our church. Greeters and ushers are frequently among the first to be noticed when guests enter for worship. "You never get a 2nd chance to make a first impression." The usher is a font of information on the church and the service. Many times the usher is the first person someone will ask a question - "Where is _____?" You fill in the blank. The ushers alone can make a guest feel welcomed or ignored and unwelcome. We would love to have you consider being an usher. Everyone is welcome. Please see Al McDowell if you are inte



Craft Group


The Saugerties UMC craft group meets twice a month to create all types of crafts which are then offered for sale at the November Church Holiday A-Fair each year. We have lots of supplies for our use – to participate just bring your imagination and craft skill! We have been meeting on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 2:00, but if this schedule is a problem for anyone who is interested, we can create a new schedule that works for all.

If you are interested, see Cece Sciortino or Diane McDowell for more information.



United Women in Faith

United Women in Faith will have its first meeting of the fall season on Tuesday, September 17. We will have a light supper from 5:30 to 6:30 and a program at 6:30. We will meet in the lounge. Since this is our first meeting, we will spend time planning our activities for the coming year. The Catskill Hudson District is holding a meeting on Sunday, October 6, from 2 - 4:30I at Trinity UMC, Caymans Hallow and we will discuss this. All women of the church are invited to join us. If you wish to participate in the meal, just bring a dish of your choice. Contact Joan Robinson if you have any questions.



Hudson Valley Cooperative Parish News from the 8/22/24 meeting

Quarterly Communion Worship Services

There will be four Parish-wide worship services held at 2:00 on Sunday afternoons. The first will be on Sept.15 at Memorial UMC in Modena with a harvest theme. The others will be during Advent, during Lent, and in June.

Trunk or Treat

The Parish Trunk or Treat event will be held on Nov. 2 at the St. James UMC in Kingston. Churches from the Parish are invited to decorate the trunk of a vehicle and hand out treats. This will be done in conjunction with Messy Church (designed for kids and families).

Blanket Making -

This Parish event will be held at St. James UMC in Kingston. We will be making fleece blankets for first responders to give to persons in emergency situations. Materials are provided, and no special skills are needed.

Apple Festival

The Esopus UMC in Port Ewen is holding their annual Apple Festival on Sept. 28. Help is needed to peel apples from Tuesday through Friday 9 am – 7 pm the week prior.

Care Portal

Gene Knoth, Regional Manager, provided information on this nation-wide program which works to support children and families in crisis through requests from Social Services. Churches that sign up will receive requests for items needed (such as pillows, beds, etc.) and can volunteer to help provide what is needed.

Safe Sanctuary Policy.

These policies should be reviewed annually. Also, it is important to have necessary background checks completed and up to date.

Adult Ministry

If you are interested in volunteering in adult ministry, contact Eileen at 914-629-7865.

Plutarch for Refugees

A family of 5 adults and 1 child from Afghanistan is currently being sponsored. They are now out of Afghanistan and in Pakistan. There is no arrival date yet. Much fundraising will be needed to support this effort.

Rondout Valley UMC Cantata

Rondout Valley UMC in Stone Ridge will present “The Ballad of Bethlehem” on Saturday, Dec. 21 at the Church. Anyone interested in singing in this performance is invited to weekly rehearsals starting Sat., Oct. 26 at 10:00 am.

Parish Meetings

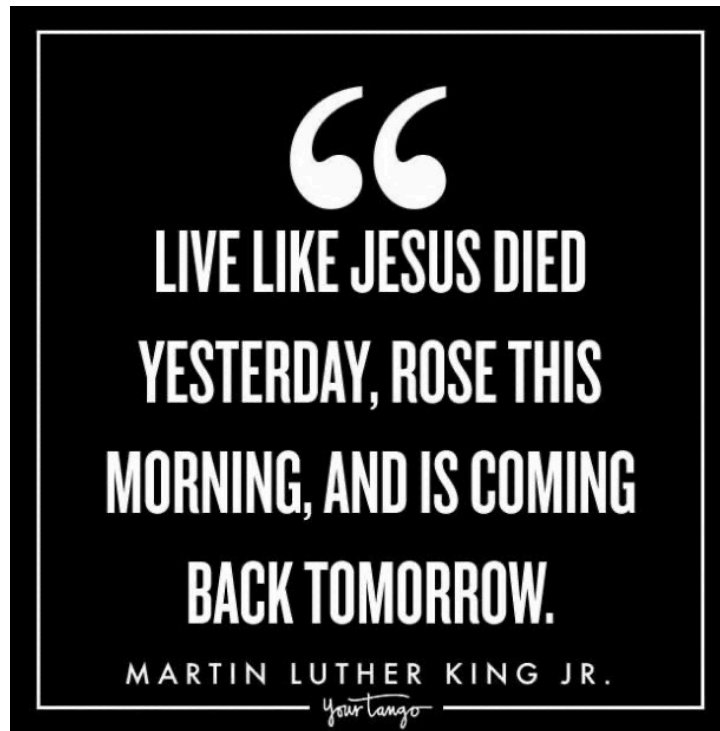
Future Parish meetings are as follows:

9/26 - Zoom meeting

10/24 - in person meeting at Esopus UMC in Port Ewen

11/21 - Zoom meeting

If you are interested in getting involved in any of these activities or if you would like to participate in a Zoom meeting, contact Diane McDowell for more info.



Asbury Cemetery

Friends of the Asbury Cemetery will meet on Saturday, September 21, at 10:00 at the Saugerties United Methodist Church at 10:00 am for their annual meeting. Anyone interested in our historic cemetery is invited to attend. We will discuss the condition of the cemetery and whether any repairs need to be made. Anyone wishing to make a donation to the upkeep of the cemetery may send a check to our treasurer, Audrey Klinkenberg, 22 Louis Ave., Saugerties, NY 12477. Checks should be made out to Friends of the Asbury Cemetery. For more information, contact Joan Robinson.

From our Ice Cream Social this summer 🍦🍧

We had a good time on one of our sunny days this summer. It didn't rain on us, and the humidity was bearable. There was seating inside and out, and a great crew of servers. There were probably 40 or more guests, and our guests were as generous with their donations as our servers were with the ice cream and toppings! Already looking forward to next years social...







Voices of the Angels



But wait! There's more!

**Memorial UMC,
Modena**



Lloyd UMC



Milton-Marlboro UMC



**First UMC
of Highland**



Town of Esopus UMC



**Rondout Valley UMC,
Stone Ridge**



**Centerville UMC,
Saugerties**



*Hudson Valley Cooperative Parish
Quarterly Communion Worship
Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024 at 2:00pm
Modena: Memorial UMC
1928 US-44, Modena, NY 12548*

Plutarch UMC



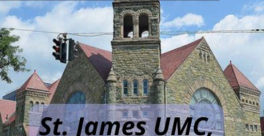
Saugerties UMC



New Paltz UMC



**St. James UMC,
Kingston**



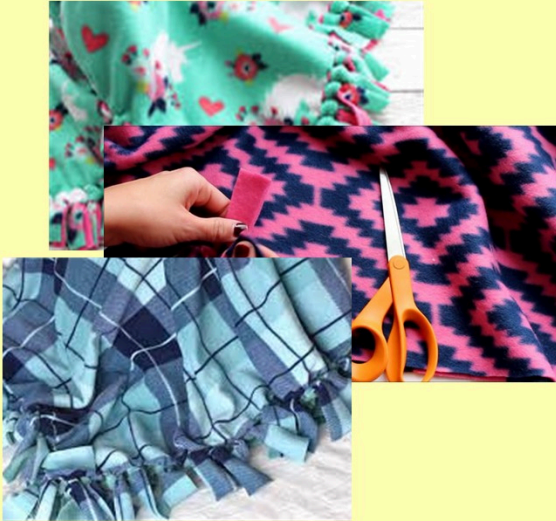
**Clinton Ave.
UMC, Kingston**



Fleece Blankets

We all love to cuddle in a warm and cozy fleece blanket - very comforting!

Let's be sure all children who need have something to cuddle in!



Fleece Blanket Making Day

Saturday, September 21, 2024

10:00 – 2:00pm at St. James UMC
29 Pearl St., Kingston

Bring brown bag lunch - drink and
dessert will be provided

We have ***Fleece*** -

Bring scissors - yard stick/ruler
And your *Mission Heart*

A Ministry of Hudson Valley Parish



*Come and join us
at our 53rd annual*



Apple Festival

**Town of Esopus
United Methodist Church**



Saturday Sept. 28

9AM-3PM

151 W. Main Street, Port Ewen
(845) 399-0000 to pre-order apple pies



Open Hearts,
Open Minds,
Open Doors.

**The people
of The United
Methodist
Church™**

FREE FAMILY

MOVIE 6:30pm

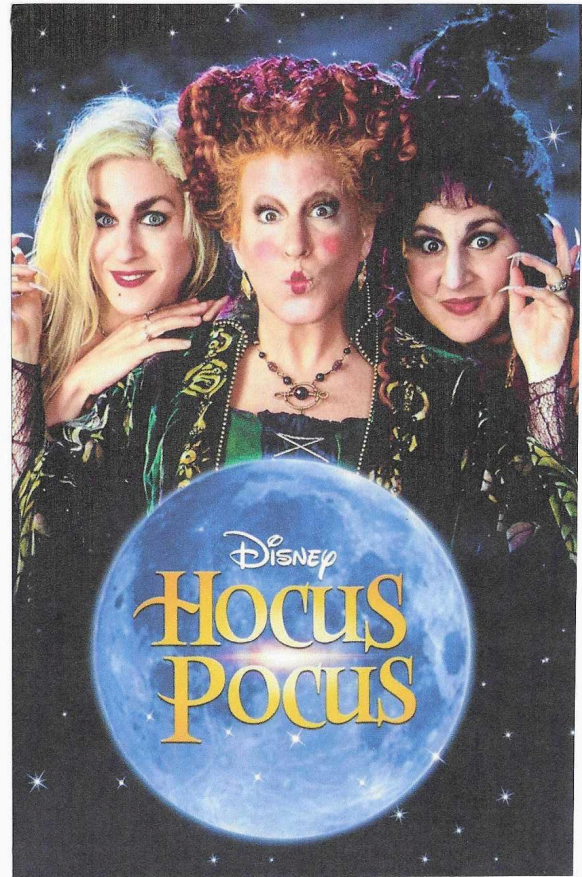
FRIDAY SEPT 13th

LLOYD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

476 NEW PALTZ RD, HIGHLAND

Folding chairs are available, but you
may bring your own lawn chair / blanket.

Light refreshments and Friday 13th-
games/ simple crafts will be available.



Pasta Dinner

September 21

Take Out 4:30-6:30 pm



\$13.00 Adults

\$12.00 Seniors

\$7.50 Child < 10

Free Child < 4

Pasta, Marinara Sauce, Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Italian Bread, Dessert
(Gluten Free available)

Modena: Memorial United Methodist Church

1928 Route 44 55, Modena, NY

