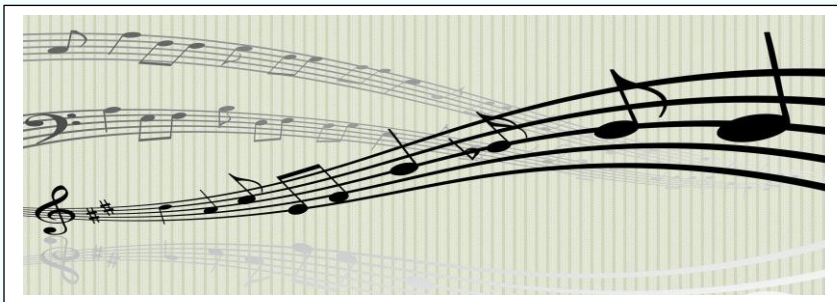


Heartbeat *news*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW HARTFORD – SEPTEMBER 2022



**Choir practice for Bell Choir, 6:30 p.m.,
and Chancel Choir, 7:30 p.m.,
Resume September 14th
Anyone is welcome to take part.
For questions, call Janice McKinney,
Director of Music, 716-523-0779.**

Prayers requested for Sharon Ann Rankins-Burd

Please keep Pastor Sharon Ann Rankins-Burd and her family in your prayers. Sharon's husband, William "Bill" Burd, died August 15. Sharon is currently serving Fly Creek and Schuyler Lake UMCs.

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Welcome Joyce Wilbur
First UMC Office Manager

Joyce Wilbur is the new church office manager beginning in September. Joyce brings a wealth of experience and a welcoming face in the church office Monday – Thursday mornings.

Worship at the *Park and Church Picnic

September 11th

Worship and Church Picnic at Sherrill Brook Park is Sept. 11. Worship is at 10 a.m., with a picnic to follow at Spruce shelter (same one as last year, if you were there), Sherrill Brook Park, Route 12, New Hartford, NY. ***In case of rain, worship/picnic are at church.** All are welcome. Feel free to invite others. Bring a dish to pass and outdoor chairs, if desired. Hamburgers, hotdogs, and beverages provided. Feel free to stay at the park after the picnic. There are hiking trails, children's playground, and benches to sit on awhile and enjoy God's beautiful earth.

United Women of Faith

Combined Circle

10:30 a.m., Thursday, September 22

All women of the church are invited to a Mini Retreat at St. Margaret's House 47 Jordan Rd., New Hartford, beginning at 10:30 AM, September 22. Reservations are needed. Cost for lunch is \$15.

Rev. Carol Jubenville will have a program telling about her ministry for those in nursing homes. There will be a short meeting after the program. To register, call Carole at 315-725-0315, or email cgehrig_1@yahoo.com.

Reminder: Brooks' Chicken Barbecue

September 3, 11am – 2pm

Presale tickets are \$12. The event is 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Consider helping Sept. 3 and selling advanced tickets. This fundraising event needs all of us working together to pull it off. Call Carl at 315-794-3093.



Mission and Outreach

Check out the two bulletin boards in the gathering space. One tells of upcoming events and the other has current Missions in which our church is involved, such as bottle and can returns, scrap metal recycling, clothing shed ministry and Love packages. Recycling is good for the environment and for the Church.

On the Mission and Outreach table is a greeting card box. If you have extra cards that you don't need, you can drop them off at the table. If you need cards to send greetings to brighten someone's day stop by and pick some up. We have blank cards, thinking of you, get well, happy birthday, and sympathy cards.

Did you know Pastor Dave McKinney offers a daily devotion over Facebook? Find out more about this ministry.

Why did you start the Daily Devotion?

I started the Daily Devotion at the start of the pandemic. Everything was closing down. People were anxious about COVID and becoming more disconnected. I felt a tug to explore online ministry to give people hope and help us keep focused on God.

Why Are You Still Doing It?

Great question. When we went back to in-person activities, I debated on letting it go. I was still debating when I went to my high school reunion, and I was met by an old friend. His first statement after the small talk was to thank me for doing the Daily Devotion. He shared that his family members also watch and appreciate it. I was taken aback and started to realize that it is difficult to measure our ministry online. I wrongly assumed only a few people were being touched. Ministry is about relations. If I can touch just one person's life, it is worth pouring my heart into every aspect of this ministry. Am I changing the world? Absolutely no. I am sharing scripture, the message of God that is changing the world even in the midst of unsettled times.

Who Watches?

Over the last couple of years, people have changed their patterns. Those watching used to catch a post within a short time after it was posted. Today it may be later in the week or even the next week, depending on their schedule. What I have noticed is people are still faithful in watching. I have friends from high school, former church members, family members and friends of those I have served or known through the years.



**"Just Say It"
Sat., Oct. 1
9am - 11am
First UMC**

"Just Say It" will be 9 – 11 a.m., Sat., Oct. 1, at First UMC. Evangelism, or sharing the Gospel, may not feel easy, but some folks might make it harder than it really is. What we forget when faced with the life- or-death situation of winning personal commitments to Christ, is that it is as simple as, "Just Say It!" God will open the hearts of people and the doors of opportunity. Come spend some time in a safe environment learning and practicing the simple art of telling your story. "Just Say It!" is an opportunity to think about, write out and share your personal faith story in a way that is memorable and available any time the Holy Spirit might require it.

Rev. Jenni Piatt, Jamestown, NY, makes this learning experience fun and thought provoking. It will be a can't-miss opportunity to consider your personal story of faith and how to share it with those around you.

Sign up for "Just Say It" in the church office or by Emailing, office@firstumconline.org

**Mohawk District Day and Picnic
September 10**

CenterPoint Christian Fellowship, 8021 State Route 12, Barneveld, NY, Saturday, Sept. 10. All United Methodist Churches and Pastors are welcome to take part. Barbecue lunch provided. Live music, worship, fellowship, walking trails, archery, outdoor games.

Barry Damsky	Sept. 2	Roger Sweet	Sept. 12	Karole Kelly	Oct. 3
Roger Griffith	Sept. 4	Cindy Muder	Sept. 12	Kenneth Frost	Oct 4
Gloria Crossley	Sept. 5	Cynthia Damsky	Sept. 13	Scott Healy	Oct 15
Bob Terpstra	Sept. 5	Laura Brown	Sept. 19	Sue Cruger	Oct 20
Ruth Ward	Sept. 5	John Smith	Sept. 21	Carolyn Peck	Oct 25
Beverly Curtis	Sept. 6	Eloise Slife	Sept. 25	Cathy Garrabrant	Oct 30

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Hugh and Coralee Humphreys	Sept.15	Blake and Cathy Ford	Oct. 2
Bob and Mary Ellen Terpstra	Oct. 1	Gerald and Barb Brigham	Oct. 28

If you know of someone who is active duty or deployed in active military service and you would like to add them to the prayer list, please send the soldier's name and rank to Peg Pinkham, newyorkoma@roadrunner.com. If your soldier is deployed or in active military service, please send an address and we would be happy to send monthly packages/letters to them.

Please pray for these active duty or deployed military personnel:

- Major Elissa Adams (granddaughter, Roger and Beryl Griffith) Major Benjamin Adams (husband, Major Elissa Adams)
- Lance Corporal Jesse Babicz (son, Carol B. Wilson) SFG Brian Boyt (relative of Mike and Sue Timian) John Huff (friend, Ryan Healy)
- Rev. Dr. Keith Manry (friend, Carole Gehrig) FN Karlton Fake (son of Linda Aloisio Fake)

Thank you for your unwavering support of this ministry. Donations are appreciated.
WE ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Operation Christmas Child

Good News, Great Joy

In November we will again be filling the shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. These boxes offer help and hope in Jesus' name.

Boxes are filled with Love, hygiene items, school supplies, toys and the Good News of Jesus Christ shared through Operation Christmas Child.

Now is a great time to begin collecting items for the Shoeboxes (buying items during Back to School sales helps spread your money further and helps you to buy more items). Boxes are packed by age; Boy 2-4 Years Old, Boy 5-9 Years Old, Boy 10-14 Years Old and Girl 2-4 Years Old, Girl 5-9 Years Old, Girl 10-14 Years Old. It would be great if each box had a WOW Item. WOW items could be small plush animals (it would be nice if *every* box had a huggable plush toy – even for the older girls and boys!), dolls, toys, games, craft kits, model kits, tools, etc.

Boxes are also filled with grooming and hygiene items. These could be toothbrush, comb, brush, hair accessories, mild soap (not highly scented), bandages, tissues, lip balm, fingernail/manicure sets (no polish), wash cloth, water bottles, socks, t-shirts, underwear, etc. and any other ideas you think of!

Ideas for girls; travel sewing kit, fabric, bracelets, clip-on earrings, doll, purse, unbreakable hand mirror/compact, hair ribbons, ponytail holders, barrettes, crafting kits (beads, etc.), toys, etc. and any other ideas you think of!

Ideas for boys; ball cap, soccer ball with pump, balls, cars, trucks, compass, (hammer, nails, screwdrivers, screws – in original packaging), tool kits, LED keychain, duct tape, tape measure, toys, etc. and any other ideas you think of!

Ideas for all ages; pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, colored pencils, markers, 24 package of crayons, erasers, scissors, sunglasses, socks, flip flops, water shoes, clothes, jigsaw puzzles, finger puppets, silly putty, scarves, bandanas, shoelaces, bean bags, hacky sack, flashlights, harmonicas, kazoos, Legos, jump ropes, yo-yo's, slinky, solar calculators, coloring books, picture books, etc. and any other ideas you think of! Stop by the Mission and Outreach table to get a list of ideas.

Remember we can't send these items: toothpaste, liquids, war-related items (toy guns, knives, military figures), chocolate, food, lotion, medicine, vitamins, breakable glass, aerosol cans, electrical items, money, used items and oversized items (everything needs to fit in a shoebox).

If you don't want to shop but want to be part of the excitement of Operation Christmas Child you can donate money that will be used to purchase items to complete boxes that are missing items. Delivering the shoe boxes overseas is costly, you may want to consider donating money to help (it costs \$10 per box to cover project costs involved in collecting, processing, and shipping your shoebox gifts to over 100 countries). Thank you for your support of this wonderful mission!

