



Heartbeat *news*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF NEW HARTFORD
APRIL 2022

WORSHIP EASTER SUNDAY at 6:30 a.m. and 10 a.m.

The tomb is empty! Christ is alive! Hallelujah!

Gather and remember the empty tomb as Christ's first followers did and take in the awe and wonder of our Resurrected Savior. We will worship at sunrise, 6:30 a.m., on Easter Morning, April 17th. Then return again at 10 a.m., April 17th, for a traditional Easter worship with a message of hope, hymns and the return of the Chancel Choir to Sunday worship. Be sure to take this opportunity to invite neighbors, friends and family to worship and praise God for our living Lord who overcame sin and death to make a way for us to be free and anticipate eternal life in heaven one day.



Holy Week

- ❖ Palm Sunday Worship, 10 a.m., April 10, Celebrate Christ's Triumphant Entry with Palms
- ❖ Maundy Thursday, 6:30 p.m., April 14, Jesus washes the Disciples' feet, The Last Supper
- ❖ Good Friday, 6:30 p.m., April 15, Jesus is crucified
- ❖ Easter Worship
Sunrise, 6:30 a.m., April 17,
The empty tomb

Traditional Worship 10 a.m.,
April 17, He is Risen!

United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale Returns

The entire church is invited to donate items in good condition to the United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale. Household goods, books, music, clothing, toys, tools, small appliances that work, small furniture, jewelry and knickknacks. No suitcases please. Donations can be brought 9 a.m.-1 p.m. after April 26th and placed in the Fellowship Hall back corner (the side with the windows). If you need help unloading items, volunteers will be at church May 2 during the day. Please do not drop off items early. There are groups using the Fellowship Hall in the days before the sale and they do use the entire hall area, including the stage. Help is needed for set up, customer service at the sale and clean up. Anyone willing is welcome. There are sign-up sheets in the church's entryway. If you need direction, see an usher. Any amount of service will be a blessing—even if it is just 1/2 hour or an hour. Also needed are donations of baked goods for the corresponding bake sale.

Dates and times: *May 2, Setup, 9 a.m. until done*

May 3, Setup, 9 a.m. until done; Sale, 5 to 7 p.m.

May 4, Sale, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Clean up, 3 p.m. until done

Proceeds benefit the ministries of The United Methodist Women. For information, call Carole: 315-725-0315; or Marie: 315-348-8162.

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April Combined Women's Circle (all women are welcome)

April 7, 3 p.m. Program, Barb Couture; Devotion, Sue Timian

United Methodist Women Executive Board, April 4, 3:30 p.m.

Time to Care for Our Church Building

After 30 years, it is time to replace the roof on the sanctuary and also the Johnson wing of the church building, which has already leaked and been temporarily repaired. The Trustees have explored options and the best way forward is to install a metal roof over the existing roof. The cost is \$101,000.

There is a campaign underway to finance this project. Church members and friends are asked to contribute as they are able to fund this necessary replacement to keep the building in repair and continue our ministry going forward.

A letter and pledge card were recently sent out. If you did not receive yours, please contact the church office, office@firstumconline.org, 315-733-4227. Additional letters and pledge cards are available at the church. Please respond by April 30th.

Questions can be directed to members of the Trustees. The chairperson is Cynthia Damsky, 315-796-4998.



All- Church Breakfast

Sunday, May 8, at 11 a.m., there will be an All-Church Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be taken.

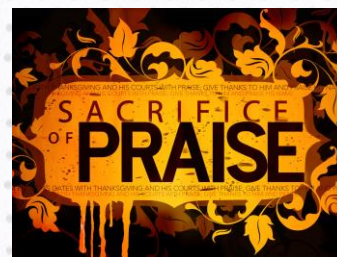
Come celebrate with the church as we give thanks to God for Moms and for the generous contributions received on the Roof Repair Campaign.

Men of the church will be cooking and serving the meal. If you would like to help out, please talk to Hugh Humphreys, 315-793-3109.

Everyone is welcome to join in for the breakfast. Reservations are certainly appreciated to ensure there is enough food to go around. Please call or email, 315-733-4227, office@firstumconline.org.

Music Ministry at First UMC

The Chancel Choir has resumed rehearsals and will sing in worship Easter Sunday. New choir members are welcome. An ideal time to begin singing is after Easter, since preparation for those pieces is already underway. The Choir practices at 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Bell Choir practice has now changed to 6 p.m. Wednesdays. To inquire about joining the Praise Team, see Janice McKinney, Director of Music.



April Birthdays



Barbara Couture
Sharmane Johnson, Adrene Moran
Ralph Humphreys
Kerri Cook
Judy Schenk
Nancy Ellinwood

April 7
April 12
April 19
April 23
April 28
April 29

April Anniversaries

Terry & Sharmane Johnson
Ed & Elaine Ingersoll
John & Prudence Smith

April 7
April 9
April 16

Soldier Prayers and Care Packages for Active Duty and Deployed

If you know of someone who is active duty or deployed or in active military service, and you would like to add them to our 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 him/her.

- Major Elissa Adams (granddaughter of Roger & Beryl Griffith)
- Major Benjamin Adams (Elissa Adams' husband)
- Jon Huff (friend of Ryan Healy)
- Lance Corporal Jesse Babicz (son of Carol B. Wilson)
- SFC Brian Boyt (relative of Mike and Sue Timian)
- Rev Dr. Keith Manry (friend of 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!

Check out the
Men's Study
2nd and 4th
Mondays, at 6:30 p.m.
Current topic is
"Knowing Jesus"
by Henri Nouwen

Get Involved Serving at Church

Helpers are needed to assist 10 a.m.
Sundays and 6 p.m. the third Wednesday
with ***Ushering and Greeting***.

Second person to ***assist the Nursery Attendant*** Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Third Wednesday. Must meet the church
Safe Sanctuaries requirements.
Sign up with Carl Ciccarelli.

Confirmation
Class for
Youth continues
Sundays at
11 a.m. in the
Conference
Room.
Confirmation
Sunday is
May 8th.



Find The Bridge Twice a Month

The Bridge is a communications tool designed for local churches to stay connected to each other and to the ministries taking place around the Upper New York Conference and The United Methodist Church. Issue II for March 2022 contains the following articles:

Praying and giving for Ukraine

General Conference of The United Methodist Church postponed to 2024

Please check out these articles to get information you will want to know about. [Click here](#) to read this edition of The Bridge.

Donations to the Food Pantry

There is a food collection bin in the church entry area under the TV screen to collect food donations for Seeds of Hope Food Pantry on Genesee Street in Utica. Please contribute nonperishable foods and any cleaning products or personal care items in the bin and Ruth Ward will take them to the pantry. God bless you for your generosity to those in need of food.