

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ to Transform the World

First United Methodist Church

November 2021



Pack and Pray for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts



Come join the Shoebox Packing Party
Nov. 14th at Church! Still needed are:

- "Wow" gifts
- Hygiene Items
- Helpers to pack shoeboxes
- Monetary gifts

Our Church is supporting **Operation Christmas Child**, sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, a mission that goes worldwide, including the United States.

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are distributed by pastors and teachers from the local community. These Christmas Child shoeboxes are like keys that open doors to families who might otherwise never be open to talking to a pastor, due to pride or cultural differences. Once the door is opened, the pastor and church leaders can come alongside families that are hurting. They can offer hope and help in Jesus' name. That's why Operation Christmas Child's motto is: "Good News, Great Joy."

Last chance to help with Relief Kit Packing Nov. 6 in Liverpool

Want to help make relief kits to assist those affected by disasters? Sign up at church to visit the Mission HUB at the United Methodist Center in Liverpool, NY, Nov. 6, with a small group to make relief kits for folks impacted by disaster. Carpool from church at 9 a.m. on Saturday, or meet us there if you prefer. Helping hands are needed and we will be back around 1 p.m. We have room for a few more helpers. To sign up, contact, Cindy Muder, 315-527-8146, or mudercindy@gmail.com.

Ongoing Mission: Love Packages

A new ongoing mission, Love Packages, has begun here at Church. This ministry puts the Word of God in mission fields around the World. Love Packages is supported by free will offerings from churches and individuals. Literature is collected, sorted and then sent to missionaries.

The literature collected is:

- Bibles (all Bibles, New Testaments, Bible portions (new or used))
- Reference materials
- Sunday School literature
- Books and paperbacks
- Magazines and Daily devotionals (Not Guideposts)
- CDs and DVDs

Love Packages is not affiliated with any denomination, but seeks to be a blessing to the **Whole Body of Christ**.

Stop by the Mission and Outreach Table to learn about this mission and other opportunities here at Church.

How to reach:

Church Office: 315-733-4227; Emergencies for Pastor Dave; Cell 716-523-0756

11 a.m. Praise and Worship Service on Pause

The 11 a.m. worship service is paused for now. We will announce when the service is able to resume in the future.

United Methodist Women Sponsor Election Day Bake Sale/Coffee

The UMW bake sale is Nov. 2 at church. If you're free Tuesday, contact Carole Gehrig to see if help is still needed or to drop off a last-minute batch of baked goods: 315-725-0315.

All Women Invited to Meet for Programs and Fellowship

The United Methodist Women have combined into one *women's circle* and will meet at the church **3 p.m., Nov. 10th**. Anne Gill-Wood is presenting a program. If you have a "World Thank" offering, <https://www.unitedmethodistwomen.org/worldthank>, please bring it. The *Executive Board* for UMW meets **3:30 p.m., Nov. 8th**.

Church Policy Regarding Masks Still in Effect

All people are asked to wear a mask while in the church building. This change was made because we are following The UNY Conference of The UMC's recommendation that churches adhere to CDC guidance--that those in counties with significant/high levels of COVID-19 spread wear masks indoors. Though wearing a mask may be inconvenient, we hope to be able to continue meeting in person and slow the spread of the virus.

Bell Choir Resumes at Church

The Hand bell Choir will be starting up again at First UMC. Bell ringers are needed, including newcomers. Contact Jennifer in the office if you are interested in being part of the bell choir, office@firstumconline.org. Stay tuned for rehearsal dates coming soon!

November Birthdays

1 – Elaine Ingersoll

8 – David Russell

16 – Hugh Humphreys

6 – Joyce Russell

14 – Prudence Smith

18 – Matthew Garrabrant

November Anniversaries

30 – Craig and Cindy Muder

Annual Church Conference Nov. 13th

The annual church conference for First United Methodist Church takes place 11:15 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 13th, at Clinton United Methodist Church, 105 Utica Rd., Clinton, NY. This meeting celebrates the missions and ministries over the past year, as well as conducts required business of the church. **All those with church membership are eligible to vote.** This Conference is preceded by a worship service for all at 10:15 a.m. in conjunction with several other churches led by Superintendent Rev. Abel Roy. Church Council members should attend the worship and annual church conference.

Soldier Box Ministry – Prayer List

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)
Captain Patricia Linck McEaney (friend of the late Patty Przyluke)
Tyrell Thompkins (son-in-law of Marge Wilcox Jones)
Rev. Dr. Keith Manry (friend of Carole Gehrig)
FN Karlton Fake (son of Linda Alosio Fake)

