

First United Methodist Church of New Hartford

The Heartbeat

March 2026

Holy Week and Easter Worship

A celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem takes place Palm Sunday, March 29, during 10 a.m. worship. There will be palms for everyone



and a Palm Parade. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week, a journey that encourages us to explore the events leading up to Jesus' death and Resurrection. We are offering Good Friday service 7 p.m., Friday, April 3, in the sanctuary. Everyone is encouraged to attend Holy Week services and invite family and friends to join you in worship.

Easter Sunday we will praise God for the Resurrection of our Savior with worship at Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. in the Narthex and at 10 a.m. for Traditional Easter worship in the Sanctuary. Approximately 7 a.m. there will be a light breakfast in the Cafe. Sign up at the Welcome Center if you would like to bring something for the breakfast, or can help set up, serve or clean up. Easter worship is the perfect time to share Jesus with friends and family members who need to hear the Good News of Jesus' love. Plan a time soon to invite someone to church with you.



Church Finances

November 2025 Income - \$15,874
November 2025 Expenses - \$17,001

December 2025 Income - \$24,785
December 2025 Expenses - \$28,500

January 2026 Income - *\$40,082
January 2026 Expenses - \$17,491

***This reflects some individuals donating their entire pledge for all of 2026**

Thank You for Donating to Missions

Recently the church collected hygiene supplies to make hygiene kits and menstrual hygiene kits. Thirty-two kits were completed and delivered to Morrow Warming Center in Utica.

Our church collects Bibles, devotional books and other items for Love Packages, who share these materials all over the world. Linda Weatherup recently delivered the materials you have been bringing. Keep it up! You are making a difference! The organization collected 60,220 pounds of donated Christian materials in 2025.

Did you know? The church collects bottles and cans for missions. Donations can be brought to the church and left in the receptacles in the dishroom, off the church kitchen. Since 2024, 4,909 returnable bottles and cans have been donated for a total of \$245.45 for the church. Thank you to Linda Weatherup and Bob Weatherup for their faithfulness to this mission.

Charge Conference

March 1 there was a charge conference after worship. The membership voted to change the incorporated name of our congregation to First United Methodist Church of New Hartford. The original incorporated name of our church from 1840 was First Methodist Episcopal Society. This name change will put our commonly used name as the churches' legal name. The necessary update will also allow the Sprout and Bloom Preschool Learning Center to file for licensing.

Soldier Prayer List: If you know of someone who is on 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 newyorkoma@roadrunner.com. If your soldier is deployed or in active military service, please send an address. We would be happy to send monthly packages and/or letters to them. Please pray for these active duty or deployed military personnel. Donations from the congregation for the packages are appreciated.

Prayer List:

Major Elissa Adams (Granddaughter, Roger and Beryl Griffith)

Rev. Dr. Keith Manry (Friend, Carole Gehrig)

MMN2 Karlton Fake (Son, Linda Aloisio)

March Birthdays

- 1 - Diane Zeiter
- 3 - Bob Porter
- 6 - Bob Wood
- 6 - Beckett Richardson
- 6 - Greyson Richardson
- 7 - Frank Frost
- 12 - Sara Egan
- 13 - Debbie Richards
- 16 - Shannon Williams
- 17 - Clint Pinkham
- 20 - Mike Timian
- 21- Tosha Elseth
- 20 - Mike Timian
- 25 - Molly Gibson
- 30 - Beryl Griffith

April Birthdays

- 7 - Barbara Couture
- 12 - Sharmane Johnson
- 19 - Ralph Humphreys
- 28 - Judy Schenk
- 29 - Nancy Ellinwood

April Anniversaries

- 7 - Terry and Sharmane Johnson
- 9 - Ed and Elaine Ingersoll



March Anniversary

- 5 - Ron and Laurie Jones
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