



# Heartbeat *news*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NEW HARTFORD – JULY 2022

## First UMC Celebrates Mission and Outreach, Explores New Outreach Opportunities

By Linda Weatherup

Mission and Outreach continues to collect Bibles, devotionals and literature for Love Packages. Stop by the Mission and Outreach table to see what can be donated. New at the Mission and Outreach table is a greeting card box. If you have extra cards that you don't need, drop them off at the table. Stop by if you need cards to send out to brighten someone's day. We have blank cards, thinking of you, get well,

birthday and sympathy cards. As a reminder, this Fall we will be collecting for Operation Christmas Child again. Categories are: hygiene items, toys, school items, crafts, games, small musical instruments, sewing kits, fishing kits. Remember all of the items need to fit in a shoebox.

Thanks for all of your support for the various missions. We recently were able to donate 203 items to Seeds of Hope.

In these difficult times we are sure these items will be much appreciated.

As a reminder, we continue to collect bottles, cans and metal for recycling. The money earned from these go towards various Missions supported by our Church. Another great recycling service we have is the clothing shed in the back parking lot. They take gently used clothes as well as worn out clothing.

# Thank you for April Showers

The Mission and Outreach Committee thanks you for joining us in "Spring Showers". Through the giving and generosity of First UMC, we were able to support the local food bank (Seeds of Hope) Program with a shower of 201 items. SNAP, Supplemental Food Nutrition Assistance (Formerly Food

Stamps) does not cover some basic supplies such as toilet paper, bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, etc. With your donations we were able to help fill in these gaps. We so appreciate the way this church pulls together to help those who are in need.

Please Take Note:

We continue to collect bottles, cans and metal for recycling. The money earned from these go toward various Missions. Bring them to the church kitchen.

Galatians 6:2

*"Carry each others' burdens"*

## July Birthdays

1 – Brianna Wilbur  
Brandon Wilbur  
6 – Ed Ingersoll  
9 – Coky Humphreys  
11- Sharen Sweet  
14 – Donald Cantwell  
18 – Patricia Powers  
19 – Beverly Cantwell  
25 – Charles Terpstra  
29 – Kimberly Hubbard

## Music Ministry

*By Janice McKinney, Director of Music*

It has been a blessing for me to work with our music groups. The commitment and desire to serve Christ through music has been a joy to see. Although we will be taking a couple of months off from Chancel and Bell Choir, we will enjoy some special music this summer. Praise Team will continue in July and August in Sunday Worship and also during Wednesday Praise and Worship services. The next Praise and Worship service is July 20<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to the return of Bell and Chancel Choirs in the fall. Anyone interested in joining is very welcome to do so! Rehearsals for both will take place Wednesdays and will resume again in September.

## July Anniversaries

July 9 - Clint and Peg Pinkham  
July 11 – Charles and Joyce Terpstra  
July 15 – Mark and Kimberly Hubbard  
July 18 – Brett and Kerri Cook

## Thank you to Carson Cook

We extend a special thank you to Carson Cook for sharing his musical gifts with the congregation on the organ, piano and vocals. We wish him the very best and know he will do well in college.



**Carson Cook** is graduating from Whitesboro High School and has worked hard to become valedictorian of his class. He thoroughly enjoyed participating in school plays with his latest role being Gomez Addams in the production of "The Addams Family." In addition to theater, Carson is also his class president and symphonic band president. He participates in the Chamber Choir, Jazz Band, Pep Band, and has taken private piano lessons since kindergarten. Carson is most proud of his debut as a soloist in the NYSSMA Conference All State Mixed Chorus. Outside of school, Carson loves to cook, travel and sing show tunes. Next year he will attend Austin College in Sherman, Texas to study biology and vocal performance with an emphasis on pre-medical studies. Carson wants to thank everyone who has pushed him to grow, allowed and encouraged him to utilize his musical gifts here at church, and his family who has supported him throughout his high school career.



Meg Benson graduated from New Hartford Senior High School on June 25. During her time in high school she was a member of the Marching Band, Concert Band, Choir, Show Choir, NHS, Tri M, and Masque, playing Timoune in *Once on This Island*, Sophie in *Mamma Mia!*, Eponine in *Les Misérables*, and Veronica in *Heathers*. Meg will be attending Lebanon Valley College in the fall, majoring in music performance and minoring in musical theater.



## Brooks' House of Bar-B-Q By Carl Ciccarelli

The Brooks' chicken barbecue will be here before we know it. Save Saturday, September 3rd, to help and to enjoy delicious chicken from the grill along with traditional barbecue sides. This will be drive-thru only at the church.

Our church has a long history of serving New Hartford and the surrounding communities through ministry and mission. To maintain this tradition and to be able to continue to provide opportunities to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, events such as this barbecue are necessary.

Our church offers multiple worship styles with music appropriate for traditional and contemporary Services. We are in mission to help meet the needs of those within our immediate community and beyond. We use our spiritual gifts to serve. We grow as we worship and learn together. We make a difference for others as we grow as Christians. All of this requires our use of spiritual gifts and talents as well as financial support. This barbecue will help to ensure that we are able to maintain our physical church building and grounds. It will provide financial means to maintain and expand current staffing and ministry levels. It will help us to be able to gather for worship, learning and fellowship so that we are better prepared to go out in mission and ministry to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Please continue this work by becoming a member of the barbecue committee or by helping on the day of the event. Look for upcoming committee volunteer meeting dates and weekly emails and other means of communication. Advanced ticket sales will be coming soon. For additional information, contact the church office at 315-733-4227 or Carl Ciccarelli at 315-794-3093.

We look forward to an exciting event.



## Maintaining God's House at First UMC

By Cynthia Damsky

**You may have noticed construction work happening outside the front entrance of the church recently. Here is an article about this project that was submitted by the First UMC Trustees Chairperson.**

The trustees hired D'Amore Masonry of New Hartford to repair the base of one of the steel beams located at the front entrance of the church. The base was breaking apart and two large sections of concrete slab under the base needed to be replaced. This was a necessary project for safety reasons and to stabilize the structure of the building.

