

Heartbeat *news*

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OF NEW HARTFORD

LATE MAY/JUNE 2022

Confirmation, Baptism Highlights of May Worship

May 8th was a Spirit-filled celebration as new members were welcomed during Confirmation. **Cody Pepe** and **Sarah Garrabrant** were Confirmed during morning worship and later honored at a reception. Sarah, Cody and **Mason Williams**, along with their Confirmation mentors, completed classes led by Pastor Dave McKinney over the last several months. Unfortunately Mason was sick and unable to be

present on Confirmation day. There will be a service of Confirmation for Mason at a later time.

Following the service, breakfast was served to celebrate completing the Roof Pledge Campaign and honor mothers. The men of the church cooked and served breakfast. We are so pleased that Mason, Sarah and Cody have taken this step in their faith journey to be part of the United Methodist Church. (cont. p. 2)

Upcoming Dates

May 29 - Last day to contribute

Hygiene and cleaning items to Spring

Showers mission for the local pantry

May 30 - New Hartford

Memorial Day Parade

June 12 – Celebration of High

School graduates

June 19 – Honoring our fathers

Weekly Sunday Worship at 10 a.m. in person or online: <https://firstumconline.org/live-stream>

Confirmation, Baptism cont.

Sunday May 15th, we were blessed with the Baptism of Emily Marie Egan. Emily's parents are Joe and Sara. Her older brother is James.

Baptism is a special time for the family. It is also special for me as a pastor. We join together pastor, congregation and the family in a covenant. In infant baptism, the parents speak for the infant being baptized. This is a joyous time for the parents as they rely on the Holy Spirit to guide and nurture their child until their child is able to make a profession of faith when they are older.

Whether Emily lives in New Hartford years from now or lives elsewhere, our church has boldly stated that we will encourage her faith journey.

Blessings,
Pastor Dave

Rummage Sale Thank You

The United Methodist Women, now known as United Women in Faith, recently hosted a rummage sale and bake sale at the church. Thank you to all who donated their time to help out and those who donated items and baked goods. The proceeds of \$1,227 help support our local unit with their annual pledge to the ministries of United Women in Faith and for financial support to community organizations benefitting those in need and to the First United Methodist Church.

Roof Project is Underway

The new roof construction at the church has begun. A metal roof is being installed over the existing Sanctuary and Education wing roof due to the age of the current roof and a previous roof leak that was temporarily repaired. Raymond Miller Roofing from Richfield Springs is doing the construction. The cost is \$101,000.

As of May 10th, \$37,500 has been received from individual donations for this project. Additional gifts have been pledged but not yet received. We are grateful for any and all donations toward protecting the church building for future ministries. Thank you, one and all, for what you have generously and sacrificially shared with God's church. If you haven't had a chance to contribute, pledge cards are available in the church office or call 315-733-4227.

For information on the roof project, please contact Trustees' Chair, Cynthia Damsky, 315-796-4338.

Upper New York Annual Conference

The 13th Session of The Upper New York Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church will meet Oct. 6-8, 2022, in a virtual setting (online) to conduct the business of the church and make decisions required to operate over the next year. Each church in our Conference, which is a geographic area, may send their Clergy and one member of the laity (a person who is not a clergy member) to vote. The upcoming session was postponed from June 2022.

Memorial Day Parade May 30

Gather at 6 p.m. in Shopping Center parking lot to be part of the Parade

Our church will be part of the New Hartford Memorial Day Parade Monday evening, May 30th. The parade is sponsored by the Fire Department and brings large crowds on the Village streets. Come help promote

The worship, missions and activities of our church as we hand out info to adults and goodies to children. We will line up at 6 in the Shopping Center parking lot, across the street from the church. The Parade steps off

at 7 p.m. A sign-up sheet for those who want to take part will be available in the entryway area at church. For additional information, contact the church office at (315) 733-4227 or Carl Ciccarelli at (315) 794-3093. If you aren't able to walk the Parade route, bring a chair and join in on the front lawn of the church. Cheer us on as we pass by our church.

1 Peter 4:10
"Each of you should use whatever gift you have to serve others"

Donations of candy To hand out at the Parade can be brought to church and left on the table in the church entry way near the Parade sign-up sheet.

Upper Room Needs Small Donation to Continue

We were blessed for many years by a donor who gave the funds to the church to underwrite the cost of our church's subscription to this bi-monthly devotional magazine. What a great gift! Unfortunately the donor is no longer able to continue donating these funds and we have a deficit for the cost of these much-loved devotionals. Going forward we are asking

those who use and enjoy The Upper Room to contribute a suggested donation of \$2 per issue or \$12 per year for The Upper Room. If you would like to give a little more, it could pay for additional copies for those folks who are unable to afford the \$2 donation. Place the Upper Room donations in the offering plate labeled, "Upper Room" or mail a designated check.

June 12 Celebration of High School Grads

June 12 during Sunday worship at 10 a.m., we will honor our members who are graduating High School. If your student is completing High School, we would like to recognize them. Please let the office know you will attend. 315-733-4227, office@firstumconline.org.



God Bless Our Graduates – Part 1



Priscilla Roy

Priscilla Roy is graduating from New Hartford Senior High School and she will be receiving the Regents diploma with advanced designation. She was selected to Conference All State and Area All State this past year, and is a member of the local National Honors Society and Tri-M Music Honors Society chapters. Priscilla has received the Principal Citizenship Award twice, Algebra I and II awards, Spanish I and II awards, Computer Applications Award, English 9 Honors Award, Outstanding Vocal Award, Physics Award, and the Helen Sperling Award. This past spring Priscilla placed 2nd in the Jr. B Sharp competition for voice. Priscilla plans on pursuing a degree in Engineering at Rochester Institute of Technology.



Matthew Christopher Garrabrant

Matthew Christopher Garrabrant will be graduating from New Hartford Senior High School on June 25, 2022. Matthew maintained Honor Roll status through his entire schooling and was accepted into the National Honor Society. He has been involved in the NH Symphonic Band and Jazz Band for several years and is a member of Tri-M. Matthew will miss playing his favorite instrument, the Baritone Sax.

The field of Finance at the College of Southern New Hampshire, is in Matthew's scope for college. In the future, look for him to fly high in the sky when he fulfills his passion to become a pilot, possibly even flying commercially one day.

Stay tuned for more graduates next month!



Birthdays

May

8 - Brett Cook
9 – Carson Cook
10 – Cindy Shobe
13 – Peg Pinkham
25 – Randy Lohnas
28 - Anne Gill-Wood
29 – Gary Hopping

June

8 – Jean Misiaszek
9 – Sue Timian
14 – Roberta Woodruff
18 – Loren Ford
Mason Williams
20 – Kiley Cook
22 – Lois Humphreys

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Anniversaries

May 15 – Barry and Cynthia Damsky
June 13 – Ralph and Lois Humphreys
June 20 – Dave and Joyce Russell
June 25 – Bob and Sara Porter
June 26 – Don and Beverly Cantwell
Dayton and Tosha Elseth



Soldier Care Package Ministry

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!

Music Notes

I've been incredibly blessed to be Music Director over the last few months here at First UMC of New Hartford. We are blessed to have three completely different musical groups. To watch the joy in the Chancel Choir and Bell Choir energizes me. Chancel Choir brings choral music to our worship. Bell Choir comes together bringing us joy in worship through ringing bells. Both groups enhance our worship experience. Both groups enjoy working together to make music to the Lord.

The Praise Team enjoys bringing a different style of music, that is a joy to be a part of and rewarding to our worship experience. We are looking forward as it grows. We are looking to have a drummer and guitarists join the group for Wednesday's Praise and Worship service. This is held once a month (3rd Wednesday) in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in joining any of these groups, please let me know. I look forward to praising Jesus together through our music.

Janice McKinney
Music Director



It's not too late to make a donation to the Roof Replacement Project for the church. This endeavor is not yet fully funded and your contributions of any amount will help leave a ministry legacy to the church to provide a dry, safe space for worshipping and being in ministry to the community. Contact the Church Office, 315-733-4227, to find out how.

Last Call for "Spring Showers"

The Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join us in "Spring Showers". We would like to support the food bank (Seeds of Hope) with a shower of items. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program--SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) does not cover some basic supplies such as toilet paper, soap, tooth brushes, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, laundry detergent, etc. We will be collecting these items at the Mission and Outreach table during the months of April and May.

United Women in Faith

The United Methodist Women, now called United Women in Faith, will have an Executive Board Meeting 3:30 p.m., June 6, at the church.

The combined Circle meeting is 3 p.m., June 9. All women are welcome to attend. There will be a program and a devotion.