

## **Endwell United Methodist Church**

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### **Mission:**

**To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation  
of the world.**

From the Pastor's heart,

It is my hope that the joy of Easter will transform from an annual event, into the way we live our lives! May the glory in the resurrection of Jesus, assure us of the victory we have over death, provide us with a peace that passes our understanding and the conviction that the best is yet to come.....

In the Spirit of resurrection and new life, I ask the Body of Christ to hold the 2024 General Conference of the United Methodist Church in prayer. This world-wide United Methodist gathering will take place from April 23-May 4, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Originally scheduled for 2020, it has been postponed three times due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Below is the Upper New York Conference delegation which consists of 10 people, (5) Clergy and (5) Laity, that were elected at the 2019 Annual Conference session of UNY. Please hold them in prayer during this time of tremendous responsibility that will determine the future of our beloved United Methodist Church:

### **Laity**

**Carmen Vianese: Head of Delegation (Nunda UMC)**

**Ian Carlos Urriola (Asbury First UMC)**

**Marthelyn Sweet (Gouverneur First UMC)**

**Samuel Smith (Newtonville UMC)**

**Melysa Acevado-Torres (Christ Church Troy)**

### **Clergy**

**William Mudge (Baldwinsville First United Methodist Church)**

**Stephen Cady II (Asbury First UMC)**

**Rebekah Sweet (Kenmore UMC)**

**Rachel DuPont (Broad Street Norwich)**

**Michelle Bogue-Trost (Central: Endicott)**



## Children's Ministry Mission

Inspiring children to be rooted in God's love, laugh often, and live like Jesus



Children's Church for kid's Pre-K -5<sup>th</sup> grade is held each week during worship following the children's sermon from 10:15 – 11:00am. During our time together, children enjoy animated videos, snacks, Bible stories, crafts, experiential activities, spiritual practices, and reflection. We provide a safe place for children to ask big questions as they wonder about God and his love, care and provision. For more information on children and youth ministries visit us at [www.rootedateumc.org](http://www.rootedateumc.org)



I want to thank all those who donated candy, stuffed eggs and worked at the **Breakfast with the Bunny**. It was a huge success! We raised \$805.15 to benefit Camp Firelight VBS July 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2024 You are all a blessing! Thanks again for your support of children and youth ministries! ~Lynne



**Get Ready for Camp Firelight VBS July 7-11** - During this 5-day camp adventure, kids will learn to face their fears while trusting God. With the help of Lumen, the lightning bug, kids will learn ways to be the light of Jesus and put their trust in him whenever they are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world. If you would like to be a part of this exciting adventure, let Lynne know, Thanks!



**TWIGS**  
Teens Walking In  
Gods Spirit

**Our TWIGS Youth Group Mission** is to engage teens in Christian values and inspire them to be rooted in God's love, laugh often, and live like Jesus. Through events, missions and fun activities, youth are rooted in their faith and inspired to live, serve, and share God's love. Both groups, Jr. & Sr. High, will come together on most Sundays 11-12:30pm and are led by Lynne and Pastor Mark. Please visit [www.rootedateumc.org/twigseyouthgroup](http://www.rootedateumc.org/twigseyouthgroup)

## April TWIGS Events & Missions:



- Sun. April 7<sup>th</sup> –11-1:30pm Bowling at Midway Lane- details TBA
- Sun. April 14<sup>th</sup> - 11-12:30pm Houdini's Escape Room
- Sat. April 20<sup>th</sup> - 6-8pm Family Game Night with Grove Missions
- Sun. April 28<sup>th</sup> - Movie @ AMC Time and Movie TBA

# CHURCH NEWS



Do you have children or grandchildren who are graduating from high school or college, please call the office as soon as possible with their information (name, school and future plans). We want to celebrate their accomplishments with their church family.

## *Monday Night Dinners*

Our Church is preparing over 280 takeout meals every Monday night. We have a dedicated crew of Church members who help pack the meals and a very dedicated crew who cook the meals. It is a blessing being able to help those folks who need a meal. Our Church is one of many Churches who help feed those in need, you can get a free meal every night of the week, what a blessing.

Many of you may not realize that our dinners are dependent on donations from businesses and people in the community. The Church does not fund this mission, if you feel like donating, you can write a check to the Church putting Monday Night Dinner in the memo.

We continue to deliver over 40 meals to the homebound!! Along those homebounders, we not only provide them with a hot meal but we also perform a wellness check on them too!!

Dog and cat food: We are in need of cat and dog food that can be distributed to people receiving Monday night dinners. A lot of the people receiving dinners either have cats or dogs and are in need of food for their animals. We are looking for dry food or cans of food. Please consider helping us not only feed our neighbors, but also their pets.





The Trustees met by way of email, the following was approved

Authorized spending \$3,000 to repair the kitchen range

Authorized purchasing 6 yards of crushed blacktop to repair the parking area by the garage

Authorized getting bids for seal coating of the parking lot and bids for the replacement of the parsonage driveway

### Easter Offering

The Lord has Risen, Risen Indeed!

Your Easter offering envelope has been attached to this month's newsletter and will also be available in the sanctuary pews and the church office throughout the month of April. Please give generously in response to the great gift we have been given through the resurrection of Jesus.

Our ministry goal for the Easter offering is \$2,500.00



**TOGETHER IN PRAYER in 2024**

Everyone is invited to join this year long intentional focus on prayer, together. Simply log on to [www.unyumc.org](http://www.unyumc.org), click on “Resources” and scroll down to “Together in Prayer” to register. The registration process takes 30 seconds. Each month you will receive the monthly scripture reading, monthly prayer, meditation and weekly breath prayer.

May we ALL join our spirits and truly be:

**TOGETHER IN PRAYER**

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**2024 Witness Sundays**

Perhaps you have felt the Spirit’s nudge to share your journey of faith during an upcoming Witness Sunday. To date, 64 brothers and sisters have shared their faith journey as of 2014. **Is it time to share your story and bless others?** Most witnesses average 5-10 minutes and have been a wonderful blessing in uniting this congregation as we share our unique life experiences. If you would like to share your journey of faith please contact Pastor Mark directly, and he will answer any questions or concerns you might have.

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**Wednesday, April 24th is Administrative Professional’s Day**, which means this is the week we show our special appreciation for our Office Secretary, Karen Beebe! Please take time during that week to thank her in special ways, as the Spirit leads. She has been a quick learner, a friendly face, a warm greeting and a vital part of this emerging ministry.

**We love you Karen!!!!**

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**Red Bird Mission:** Red Bird Mission: plans are now underway for the 2024 Red Bird Mission shoeboxes collection. We welcome Nick Scalzo to our team of drivers this year for the trip to the Mission on December 2. We will start picking up items for the trip starting November 11 at various Churches in the Upper New York Conference.

The goal is to fill two 26 foot trucks full of shoeboxes with personal care items in them for adults and children. We will also be taking quilts, blankets, sheet sets, towels and other necessity for the people in KY. The response last year was great and we hope to be able to better. Please keep us in your prayers as we undertake this vital mission.



# FAITH BASED RESPITE PROGRAMS

Faith Based Respite Programs These are free respite programs hosted by area church communities. The following programs are offered on Saturdays monthly.

1st Saturday of the Month Social Saturdays at St Anthony's Church 300 Odell Ave Endicott 11AM – 2PM Register at 607 754 4333

2nd Saturday of the Month Grace's Place Grace Lutheran Church 709 Main St Vestal 1PM-4PM Register at 607 748 0840

3rd Saturday of the Month Saturday Afternoon at St Mary's 795 NY Rt 11 Kirkwood 11AM -2PM Register at 607 775 0086

## **Rejuvenate Retreat May 3-5, 2024**

Sky Lake Camp & Retreat Center is hosting a women's retreat on the first weekend in May 2024. The theme of the retreat is "Let's Play, Find Joy in Each Day". At the retreat, we will insert some fun and playfulness into our mindsets. Our leadership team is planning a weekend filled with "mild and wild" activities. You might hike in the woods, cozy up by the fire, make cheese from scratch, experience massage therapy, paint with watercolors, craft a Shrinky Dink trinket, laugh yourself silly with

"Laughter-cise", toss a corn hole bag, or learn a gardening skill. You'll set your own pace as you take time in solitude in the great outdoors or take time to join with other women for activities. You'll dine on delicious and healthy meals prepared by our foodservice team. This retreat is one of our "Ladies of the Lake" retreats. Learn more and register online at <https://skylakecenter.org/>

**The Spring New Comer's class date is set for Tuesday, April 9th @ 6:30pm in the sanctuary. This is a wonderful time to meet others, ask questions regarding this flourishing ministry and even perhaps see where God might be calling you to serve.....Call the office at 607-754-5735 to reserve your spot as reservations are highly recommended.**



**Rise Against Hunger 20K Meal Packing Mission—Saturday May 4th**

This year the TWIGS and Children’s Church families will be packing meals as we are splitting the cost and labor of this mission with The Church of The Holy Family, Chenango Bridge UMC and Morris UMC. Our need is presently monetary donations to fill our remaining obligation of \$1,000.00. If you are being led to donate please do so via a check/cash to the church. Thank you!



# Upcoming Events



## CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Spring Fling—Annual Meeting

April 3rd 10:00am till Noon

Central United Methodist Church

17 Nanticoke Ave, Endicott



**Our Brooks Chicken Bar-B-Q's are returning in 2024 and the next date is set for Friday, April 5, 2024 beginning at 3:00pm, until sold out.** Pre Sale tickets are highly encouraged and can be purchased at our website or through the church office. Let's make this a great event and promote this through social media and invite family and friends to support this event.

**Our BBQ in March saw us selling all 325 dinners in a three hour period. We were very fortunate to have several Church members who paid for dinners to give to out to homebound people who receive Monday night dinners from us. This was a great blessing to be able to offer our homebound members a chicken dinner. We would like to thank our donors for making this happen, if anyone would like to do this for the April BBQ, please let the office know.**

## Breakfast

Men of all ages are invited to a men's breakfast on Saturday, April 13th at 8:00am at the Union Diner. Plan on attending for good food and good conversation as men of all ages are welcomed.



# Upcoming Events

ENDWELL UMC

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT**  
*Spare Your Time for Fun*

Saturday April 20th  
6-8  
Bring a Dessert to Share

Games to Play  
BOARD GAMES, CARD GAMES, VIDEO GAMES



## April 7

Joyce Atherton  
Tom Bushnell

## April 14

Anita VanWinkle  
Dale McGlynn

## April 21

Tom and Judy Pass  
Sara Kukowski

## April 28

Georgia Tamblyn  
Betty Jo Kasprzak



## MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

8:30 AM–11:30 AM

Through the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, we are providing over 200 boxes of food to families that register with dialing 211. This is a great opportunity for our Church to provide needed food once a month to many families.

We encourage anyone to help out and volunteer some of their time with this mission project.....it's good for the SOUL!!!!



## TWIGS Bottle & Can Drive

We are still collecting returnable cans and bottles to benefit the TWIGS youth. Please put all of your glass bottles in cardboard boxes. **Do not mix the glass bottles with your cans or plastic bottles as they will not accept them.** Thank you for your continuing support of our youth.



The Grove is collecting spare change! Our mission is to give back to our local community by offering to pay for laundry at local laundromats. Volunteers will be heading out to pay for washing and drying as well as providing Tide pods and dryer sheets. Each person will receive a little card with a Bible verse and "Let us help lighten your load"-Your Friends at the EUMC. This is open to anyone who comes to do laundry. If you would like to donate your spare change, please put it in the Tide Bucket in the Welcome Center! The collection will be ongoing.



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