

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,

This month I share the profound wisdom of our Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez:

Lent is a time for followers of Christ to engage in self-examination, repentance, and deepening our relationship with God. John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, encouraged practices such as fasting and prayer during Lent. Wesley saw these disciplines not as mere rituals but as means to cultivate a closer connection with God. For Wesley, these disciplines, when practiced faithfully, lead us to live more aligned with the teachings and witness of Jesus.

As the Bible clarifies through the prophets Isaiah and Micah, practicing spiritual disciplines should extend beyond a set time and include genuine and permanent changes in attitudes and behaviors in our daily lives. The world is in desperate need of the healing love of God. This great love is made visible through passionate disciples of Jesus Christ who embody love, compassion, mercy, and justice every day and everywhere.

This Lent, I encourage all United Methodists in Upper New York to be open to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, practice the spiritual disciplines of prayer and fasting, reflect on areas in our lives where our expression of faith needs to transcend from "good intentions" to concrete actions that embody God's love, and pray to God to make our hearts tender to one another.

In a world filled with violence, let's be peacemakers.

In a world filled with hate, let's be healers.

In a world filled with divisions, let's be unifiers.

In a world filled with exclusion, let's be includers.

In a world filled with selfishness, let's be community builders.

In a world filled with hopelessness, let's be and proclaim Christ's hope.

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**, 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



March 2024

Children's Ministry Mission

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



Children's Church for kid's Pre-K -5th 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



Sat. March 23, 2024 Breakfast with the Bunny. Kids and families will enjoy a delicious pancake breakfast, pictures with the bunny, crafts and an egg hunt. Kids are asked to be accompanied by an adult and bring a container for candy. All proceeds to benefit Camp Firelight VBS July 7th-11th 2024 Individually wrapped candy and help is needed – Please see Lynne. Thanks



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 Lu-men, 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!!!



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

March TWIGS Events & Missions:



- Sun. March 3rd – 11-12:30pm March on Litter – litter clean-up
- Sun. March 10th - 11-12:30pm Who is St. Patrick
- Sun. March 17th -11-12:30pm – St. Patrick's Day Potluck Lunch
- Sat. March 23rd – 9-11am – Breakfast with Bunny/mission & fundraiser
- Sun. March 31st - Easter – No TWIGS



“The mission of the EUMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world”

Administrative Council

Agenda – February 20, 2024

Those present: Kristina Harrington, Jim Short, Anita VanWinkle, Jennifer Potter, Dave Alexander, Lynne Kimpland, Joyce Atherton, Carrie Kay, Jim Marean, Sharon Fisher, Pastor Mark, Sandy Smetana, Darlene Darrow, Pastor Sean, Jody Butts, Beth Strong. (We also had a moment of silence and prayer for the family of David Smith, At Large member).

Opening devotion – Pastor Sean

The minutes of our December meeting accepted via online voting.

New Business

Protocol – Reconciliation and Grace through Separation and Restructuring of the UMC

**Special Session of AC Saturday, March 25th disaffiliation of churches in UNY (18) Spring*

**EUMC Sharing session following worship on April 23 (recorded)*

**Administrative Council Vote to either disaffiliate or remain UMC – (vote was to remain UMC)*

** June 1-3 – Upper New York Annual Conference – Onondaga Community College (15 Ordained)*

** Special Session of AC, Saturday, October 14, 2023 disaffiliation of churches in UNY (57)*

**General Conference, April 23-May 4, 2024 in Charlotte, NC*

**Upper New York Annual Conference, May 30-June 1 – Onondaga Community College*

Rise Against Hunger, May 4, 2024 – We are waiting to hear from Chenango Bridge UMC to see if they would like to be involved. An email will follow as to where we stand going forward to either cancel or move forward.

EUMC Camping Ministry – Fara Shoudy, Kristen Snyder and Liz Denman are creating a plan forward to better inform, educate and provide funds for our children and youth to attend summer camp. They will attend the March Administrative Council meeting to provide an update.

Committee reports

1. **Finance** – The 2024 Ministry Plan was reviewed and accepted unanimously while also reviewing the 2023 ministry plan. The plan is to continue the Doug’s Fish Fry’s and Brooks Chicken Bar B Q’s while perhaps doing our own Bar B Q’s over the summer months.
2. **Endwell Preschool** – Darlene Darrow, Kristina Haring and Beth Strong, shared a detailed financial statement for the 2023-2024 EPS school year. The UPK program is solvent where the 3yr. old program is running a deficit. The hope is that the 2024-25 school year will attract more 3 years olds as they need 10 to break even. EPS is reviewing ways to increase funding, increase exposure with social media and create synergy with EUMC.
3. **Trustees** – We skipped over their report but below are the minutes of their 2-18-24 meeting:
Approved an additional key fob for a new aide in Preschool with hours 7 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Approved the purchase of two pallets of rock salt from TruGreen for under \$310.00 per pallet deliver to the Church. Approved the purchase of wire shelving for the storage shed and approved having the electrical install electric to the shed. Approved having the electrician replace the 1st floor panel box in the Preschool rooms.
Approved the purchase of a clothes washer up to \$500.00 for the parsonage. We are hoping to be able to get the washer donated to the Church if possible.
4. **SPRC** – Anita VanWinkle reported that the SPRC is updating all job descriptions.
5. **Children’s Ministry/T.W.I.G.S. Youth Group** – Lynne reported that the teachers are doing an outstanding job and that we are gearing up for Camp Firelight VBS July 7-11. If you would like to be a part of this exciting adventure, let Lynne know! The TWIGS have scheduled gathering dates every Sunday following worship up until Easter Sunday.

Administrative Council - continued

6. **Missions/Grove** – College Ministry will soon start collecting care package items for our (10) students as they wrap up the spring semester. April 14th, following worship, the team will go to a local Laundromat to assist customers to offset the cost and enjoy fellowship with them. There will be a Family Game Night on Saturday, April 20th from 6:00 -8:00pm. The Parking Lot Sale & Bake Sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st.
7. **Multi-cultural/Hispanic Ministry** – Anita VanWinkle celebrated the Conference funding the Hispanic Ministry is receiving for 2024 to cover both Pastor Gina’s salary and ministry expenses. They have 6 families presently active, and many other families are receiving food through our monthly Mobile Food Pantry.
8. **Associate Pastor** – Pastor Sean reported that visitations are going well and asked to Council/congregation to let him know of folks we might be missing.
9. **Worship** – Lenten sermon series, Wrestling with Doubt, Adam Hamilton began 2/18, Holy Week worship was also promoted.

Calendar Review

Wednesday, February 21 @ Noon – Parkinson’s Support group – FH

Sunday, February 25 ***Deadline for March Newsletter articles*******

February 29-March 2 – Pastor Mark at Board of Ordained Ministry Interviews @ Conference Center

Monday, March 4 @ 8:30am – Mobile Food Pantry

Saturday, March 9 @ 8:00am – Men’s Group Breakfast @ Union Diner

Tuesday, March 12 from 7:00pm-8:30pm, Bishop Hector Binghamton District Laity @ EUMC

Friday, March 15 @ 3:00pm – Brooks Chicken Bar-B-Q

Sunday, March 17 @10:00am – Reception of New Members/Winter New Comer’s Class

Wednesday, March 20 @ Noon – Parkinson’s Support Group - FH

Saturday., March 23 – 9:00am-11:00am, Breakfast with the Bunny – VBS fundraiser

11:00am, Doug’s Fish Fry & Bake Sale

Thursday, March 28 @ 6:00pm – Holy Thursday Potluck and Holy Communion – FH

Friday, March 29 @ 7:00pm – Good Friday worship – Sanctuary

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday!!!

Adjournment

Next meeting, Tuesday, March 19, 2024 @ 7:00pm in the fellowship hall

Devotion Darlene Darrow





The following Trustees met on Sunday, February 18th after church, Steve Potter, Steve Borne, Clint Gorman,, Ken Schlock, Jane Scheibner and Dave Alexander

The following items were approved after discussion:

Approved key fobs for Darlene Darrow and Beth Strong as follows:

Monday thru Friday, 7am to 7pm

Saturday, 7am to 2pm

This is for the Endwell Preschool doors only

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NOTE: a washing machine has been donated and delivered.

Dear Neighbor,

I am writing to ask for your financial support of our mission to feed those in need. This past year we have averaged over 270 take out meals to people in our community on a weekly basis. We have delivered over 50 meals to individuals who are homebound, providing a wellness check on them as well.

As we enter 2024, our numbers continue to increase as the need for food never stops. One in eight people in Broome County do not know where their next meal will come from. Our goal is to continue to provide a hot meal to those who need a meal and to expand our delivery of meals to those who are homebound. We also would like to reach out to individuals living in tent cities by the river and railroad tracks by providing them with a hot meal as well as personal hygiene supplies and can goods.

This vital mission is quite costly to accomplish and we ask that your business consider financially supporting this mission. Your support of our mission to feed those in need is greatly appreciated.

Blessings in the New Year,

Dave Alexander, Coordinator of Monday Night Dinner

CHURCH NEWS



Here is an update on our Lord's Table Monday night dinner ministry. In calendar year 2023, we served 10,540 meals to help feed the hungry people in our community! This was accomplished through the dedicated service of our volunteers, including church members and non-member friends of the ministry. They provided 1,271 hours of service!

The ministry is funded completely through dedicated donations from individuals, and also through grant monies, which are obtained through the tireless work of Dave Alexander. Anyone who would like to support this vital ministry, which is now in its 27th year, can do so by sending a donation to the church office. Just specify that it is intended for the Lord's Table ministry.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this ministry over the past 27 years, either through your gifts or your service. It has grown so much from humble beginnings into the strong and successful ministry that it is today.



On Monday, February 5th members of our Church and the Holy Family Church packed boxes of food items to feed 182 people. We packed 12,565 pounds of food with a monetary value of over \$1,670.00. If you would like to help on this mission, please contact the office or just show up on the first Monday of each month at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to help.

The Church is looking for volunteers to help provide rides to and from Church on Sunday mornings plus taking some Church members to doctors visits. This is a vital ministry by helping our members feel connected to our Church. If you are willing to help in this ministry, please call the Church office.



Lenten Offering

The month of March continues our Lenten Offering as envelopes and will be available in the pews and the church office for your convenience. Our goal this year is to raise \$2,800.00 and will proceed the entire month of March. As of this writing we have gratefully received \$1,003.00. Please give generously and sacrificially as any amount is a blessing in this ministry we share together. Feel free to give a one time gift or collect funds throughout the season of Lent as a spiritual discipline.



FUNDRAISERS

BROOK'S BBQ: We brought in \$4338.70 (including dinners sold on Sunday for \$10 each) - the invoice from Brook's was \$2660 so our profit was about \$1675 (minus whatever the cost of rolls and coleslaw).

DOUG'S FISH FRY: based on volume of traffic compared to their customer days we expect to make about \$500 when we get a check from Doug's (we usually make about \$300.00 to \$400)

BAKE SALE: even with no one sitting at the bake sale table the bake sale brought in \$177

All in all the fundraisers this week netted about \$2180—what a blessing and thanks to all the volunteers that made this happen!!!

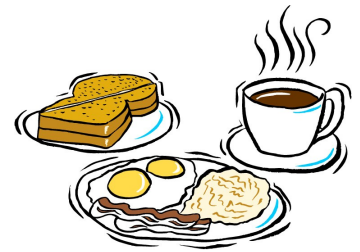
T-SHIRTS FOR SALE



The Mission Committee is selling dark blue Endwell UMC t-shirts for \$15.00 each. Shirts will be on display by the visitors center and by the coffee table in the fellowship hall. Order sheets will be available to fill out.

Upcoming Events

Breakfast



Men's Group

Men of all ages are invited to a men's breakfast on Saturday, March 9th at 8:00am at the Union Diner. Plan on attending for good food and good conversation as men of all ages are welcomed.



Our Brooks Chicken Bar-B-Q's are returning in 2024 and the next date is set for Friday, March 15th 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.

We are looking for Church members who would be willing to sponsor a Brooks BBQ meal to our home bound members. If you are interested please call the office at 607-754-5735 and let Karen know. We will have one of our volunteer workers deliver a hot meal to them. This is a great way to let our home bound members know that we are thinking of them.



Cost: Adults \$9
Children \$7
Under 5 FREE

Small individually wrapped candy and volunteers needed.

March 23
9:00 -11:00am

Easter Egg hunt

Pics w/ Bunny

Crafts/ Activities

Upcoming Events



Baked Goods Are Needed!


“BAKE SALE”

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2024
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM



A Lenten Study entitled, **Wind in the Wilderness**, by DJ Del Rosario, on Thursdays @ 10:00am beginning February 15th in the White room, directly off from the sanctuary. Please contact Anita at dvanwinkle48@yahoo.com for more information.



<u>March 3</u>	<u>March 10</u>
Joyce Atherton Tom Bushnell	Anita VanWinkle Dale McGlynn
<u>March 17</u>	<u>March 24</u>
Tom and Judy Pass Sara Kukowski	Georgia Tamblyn Betty Jo Kasprzak
<u>March 31</u>	
Dave Alexander Elsa Bingel	



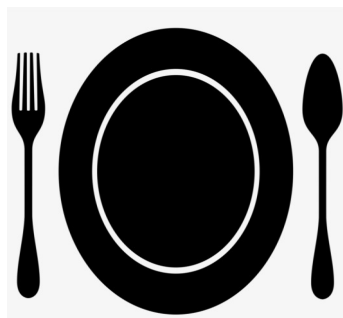
MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

MONDAY, MARCH 6, 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!!!!



We are presently serving over 250 take out dinners every Monday night!! The area around us is considered to be in a food desert, resulting in a high demand for food.

We continue to deliver over 40 meals to the homebound!! Along those home bounders, 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.



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March 2024 JOURNEY



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.