

ENDWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 2009 JOURNEY

Our Vision: *“To be a caring Christian community on a journey to follow Jesus.”*

From the Pastor...

One of our new members shared a quote from the legendary dancer, Martha Graham, who said:

We learn by practice. Whether it means to learn to dance by practicing dance or to learn to live by practicing living, the principles are the same. One becomes in some area an athlete of God...Practice means to perform over and over again in the face of all obstacles, some act of vision, of faith, of desire. Practice is a means of inviting the perfection desired.

I found that a helpful image as we think about our lives as individuals and as a faith community. Much of what we do can be seen as practice as we *move on to perfection* as the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, would have said.

So, especially as we begin a new year on Rally Day, September 13th, I invite you to be in church and Sunday School as we seek to perfect our practice of living as Christians. It takes all of us a great deal of practice!

Pastor Roger

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Sunday Schedule

Labor Day Sunday

September 6th

8:15 and 10:00 a.m.

Worship

9:15-10:00

Fellowship Time

Rally Day

September 13th

8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Worship Services

9:15 a.m. Fellowship Time

11:45 a.m.

Chicken Barbecue on the Grounds

(see page 3 for details)

Regular Schedule Begins

September 20th

Did you know that we will be in a new Conference by July 2010? Wyoming Conference is being divided along state lines and we will be part of a new Conference for all of upstate NY! See details on page 10 and note that one of the Information Meetings is at Endwell.

Recovery and Rebuilding Report

Work has been going on all summer to the facilities.

- The windows have been replaced in the Fireplace Room.
- New gas line was installed to replace one under the Fellowship Hall floor so that we no longer are using a gas line in the floor.
- New water line was installed to replace one under the Fellowship Hall floor so we no longer are using very old pipes buried in the floor. This was not in the original bid.
- Rest Rooms by the Kitchen have been completely gutted and rebuilt. We have been using more volunteer help than originally planned to keep down our total costs.
- Upper windows in the Fellowship Hall have been covered using all volunteer labor.
- Bids have been received to replace the windows in the Fellowship Hall this Fall. When the rest room project is completed and the total cost known, then we can make a decision on these windows.

All of this work has been done using funds in the Trustees Budget and from gifts to the Building Fund and Memorial Fund. Your generosity makes it possible.

Thanks!

Rally Day—September 13th



Worship at 8:15 and 10:30

Sunday School at 9:15 for Children and Youth

(Video on *Rethink Church* for Adults in Fellowship Hall...

”What if church wasn’t just a place we go,
but something we do...”

A video to get us thinking in new ways!)

Chicken Barbecue on the Grounds at 11:45

Freewill Offering (suggested price is \$6.00)

Games, Bounce House, Face painting

This is our Kick-off for the Fall!

Note that we go back to our Regular Schedule

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come!

A great opportunity to invite family, neighbors and friends!

Finance Report for July

We continue to face a very challenging financial situation this year. Our receipts through July 31st were \$176,018 compared to \$180,156 for the same period in 2008. Our expenses were \$214,060 this year compared to \$210,658 for the same period in 2008. While we always have a “deficit” at this time of the year, it is larger this year than usual. The good news is that all bills have been paid including our payments to the Annual Conference. August receipts are also a little ahead of August 2008. We do have a contingency fund that allows us to cover the shortfall but that needs to be replenished before the end of the year.

At the same time, we have had generous support for the Building Fund and have been able to do work around the church as outlined on page 2. This may suggest the question why we are spending money on the building when we have a deficit in the budget. This is because funds that are given specifically for the Building Fund cannot be used to pay our ongoing expenses. They can only be used for the projects for which the money was given. Therefore, we are very careful in tracking how money is given and for what purpose. We are also careful not to spend money on building projects without adequate receipts to cover the expense.

Offering Hospitality

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors. That’s the ad campaign theme for The UMC. But, hopefully, it is more than that. At our Cluster Conference with Vestal later this fall, we will be invited to reflect on how we open our doors to our community. One of the unfortunate side affects of our renovations and repairs this summer is not being able to serve our Monday dinners. We anticipate their return this month. But, as I have looked out the windows in the hallway by the office, I’ve seen another form of hospitality. There is a young man who often comes over, sits on one of the benches and does his studies. And then there was the young mother who had taken her baby for a walk in his or her stroller. And they were taking a break sitting on one of the benches. There was a young boy who parked his bike and played with his legos on a bench. Often before or after weddings, guests sit at the benches. The grounds are looking great with flowers and plants and perennials. We thank everyone who has helped to make the area so inviting. And those who gave the benches in honor or in memory of loved ones. But, isn’t it also nice to know that members of our congregation aren’t the only ones who benefit? In fact, we are offering hospitality to our neighbors as well—a place to sit under a tree on one of our benches and relax, visit, read—maybe even pray. I just thought you’d like to know of this “informal ministry of hospitality”.

Pastor Roger

Parsonage Available

As Bev Scudder moves into Fairview Good Shepherd in October, we anticipate that the parsonage will be available in November. It has 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, central a/c with all lawn care and utilities provided in the rent. Any member or constituent who is interested in moving into this home is asked to contact the Church Office.

Mid-Week Adult Study Beginning in October

Pastor Roger is planning on offering a six to eight week adult study this Fall. The proposed topic is "World Religions". He will offer a Wednesday evening and Thursday morning section depending on interest. We will use a series of DVD's and will not involve homework! If you are interested, please call the church office or let him know. Also, if you have other topics that would be of interest, let him know.



Wednesday, September 16th

10 a.m. / Sanctuary

J.O.Y. is looking for new members. Please come to the September meeting, where we will plan our programs

for the year.

Lunch will follow at a neighborhood restaurant

SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

Wednesday, September 9th
6-8pm in the Fireplace Room

You are invited to attend this training if you work with children, youth or vulnerable adults and have not yet attended one.

Tracy Savidge & Tom Winner will be leading the training.

**Big
Thank
You!**

Thanks to everyone who volunteered their time over the summer to complete the many projects going on around the church. It took countless hours of many volunteers to get so much accomplished. On Rally Day look around the church to see what has changed. We couldn't have done it without you.

The UMW would like to **Thank** Chuck Norcutt, Rodney Van Housen and Paul Smetana for their work in refurbishing the Bazaar booths.



Roast Beef Dinner

Saturday - October 3rd

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Adults - \$9.00

Children under 12 - \$4.00

*Eat In or Take Out
Buy Tickets in Advance or at the Door
Delivery Available (5 miles) in Endwell*

Our Fall Roast Beef Dinner is scheduled for October 3rd.

Reserve the Date !

We are recruiting people to sell tickets, bake pies, work in the kitchen and serve in the Fellowship Hall. If you can help, please call the church office, 754-5735. Sign-up sheets to bake pies will be available in worship on Sundays, September 13th and 20th. Call by Friday, October 2nd., if you want a meal delivered.

Everyone is needed - Everyone can help!

Proceeds will benefit the Recovery and Rebuilding Campaign to fund needed projects to improve our facilities.

This is Great Time for Fellowship as we work together!

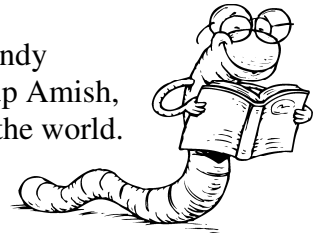
Don't Miss It!



Sept. 8	Executive Meeting	7:00 Perry Room
Sept.15	General Meeting	7:00 Fireplace Room
Sept.20	Reading Group	7:00 Perry Room
Sept.26	Fall Conference Meeting	Asbury UMC, Scranton, Pa.
Oct 2	Church Women United	1:00 St. Ambrose Church
Oct. 13-15	Rummage Sale	

Tuesday September 15th is our monthly meeting. We are excited to be hearing from our youth who have attended Chrysalis. Come to hear of the faith journeys our youth have set off on with the support of this time together to explore their own feelings and beliefs.

The **Reading Group** is reading When the Morning Comes by Cindy Woodsmall. Come and discuss this story about a girl who grew up Amish, but is shunned by her community and must find her own way in the world.



UMW Fall Rummage and Bake Sale

Set-up:	Tuesday, 10/13	9 a.m. - until?
Sale:	Wednesday, 10/14	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Bag Sale:	Thursday, 10/15	9 a.m. - noon

Volunteers needed on all days. To help or for more information, please call Kay Lathrop (754-5089).

Items for sale may be dropped off at the far end of the Fellowship Hall, Sunday, 10/11 through noon on Tuesday, 10/13.

There will be a **Bake Sale** during the Rummage Sale. Baked goods and candy may be left in the kitchen on Tuesday or early Wednesday.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Please take a moment to look at some of the adult studies being offered during Sunday school time this year. We hope you find several that will interest you and will join us each week at from 9:15-10:15. Diane Alexander will lead the first study beginning on September 20th in the Fellowship Hall. This is a very timely study that speaks to us in these uncertain financial times.

September 13th - Class studies available to preview in Fellowship Hall

September 20th-October 11th

Upside Living in a Downside Economy: Pastor and author Mike Slaughter offers insight into seeking God's perspective in our daily money concerns. With clarity and a servant's heart, he addresses vital topics such as financial and spiritual investments, personal motivation and God's will, money and marriage, and determining priorities.

October 18th-November 8th

Just Walk Across The Room: This dynamic 4 week experience is designed to equip and inspire your small group to participate in the same pattern of grace-giving as Jesus did by taking simple walks across rooms-leaving your "circle of comfort" and extending hands of care, compassion, and inclusiveness to people who might need a touch of God's love today.

October 18th-The Faith in Action Class will begin a study on the book of Luke

November 15th-December 13th

Servant or Sucker-Wise & Compassionate Ways to Help the Poor: We've all been there. Someone, obviously poor or homeless, approaches you and asks for money. What do you do? Do you give money, knowing it may be used on drugs or alcohol or do you say "no" or even ignore the person as you walk by? No one wants to be a sucker in these situations but at the same time Jesus' call to help the poor echoes in our hearts and minds.

This 5 session series helps viewers discern appropriate, Christ-centered actions when it comes to addressing poverty on a personal or organizational level. Included are realities of poverty such as the concepts of time, relationships, money and values; a "poverty tour"; interviews with those who are homeless or poor; interviews with those who have helped and/have been suckered; and steps viewers can take to be an effective servant without getting suckered.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

(continued)

December 20th-Mission Project

December 27th-No Class

January 3rd-February 7th

Three Simple Rules For Christian Living: This study is designed to help you return to those early Wesleyan understandings of spiritual disciplines that can transform us and the world. As you take this journey, you will discover that these three rules (Do No Harm, Do Good, Stay In Love With God) can lead you to a more faithful way of living as a disciple of Jesus Christ. This six week study includes both concept and application sessions of each of the three rules.

February 14th-March 28th

The Jesus Creed: Seven lessons on loving God and loving others. 1. What is the Jesus Creed? 2. Do you need a new beginning? 3. What has God called you to become? 4. How is God calling you to compassion? 5. What kind of society should Christians make? 6. Yes, disciples fail. 7. Living the Jesus Creed

April 18th-May 23rd

When The Game Is Over It All Goes Back In The Box: No matter how skillfully you play it, a time arrives when the game of life comes to an end. Now all the pieces go back in the box. No more game cards. No more tokens. No more promotions, no more financial planning, no more RV's and vacation homes. Game over. What did you win that you get to keep? With his trademark humor and gift for storytelling, John Ortberg shows what it takes to really win at the game of life. It will help you live with an eternal perspective, keeping your eyes on the true prize-the one that unlocks the gate to the kingdom of God.

ACTIVITY BOOKS & COLORED PENCILS FOR CHILDREN IN HAITI RALLY DAY COLLECTION

Many thanks to all the children who brought activity books for Haiti to Vacation Bible School this summer. 40 activity books were collected that week!

We are collecting activity books and packs of colored pencils again on Rally Day, September 13. Word Searches, Mazes, Bible Stories, Connect the Dots, etc.

Thank you for sharing God's love with the children of Haiti!



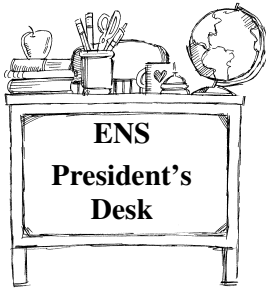
Bottle Drive

to benefit
The Lord's Table
Rally Day

drop - off outside
the entrance doors
by the Kitchen.

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I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. We are looking forward to the new school year. Our staff has not changed as Jennifer Anderson is our Director / Teacher, Ronne Sisco is our UPK teacher, Kathy Beaudette, teacher and Laurie Thompson, teacher. We are blessed to have such a fantastic staff. We start the year with 13 UPK students from the M-E school district in our 4 yr old program. 6 additional students in 4 yr old program and 16 students in our 3 yr old program. Openings are still available to register or for more information please contact Jennifer Anderson at 607-798-8073.

Tracy

Thank you to all who helped with VBS. I hope everyone had a good time. We helped more than 40 children Experience and Discover God Everywhere at VBS. Thank you again. We collected coloring/activity books for the children in Haiti and donated money to the Monday night dinners.

Tracy

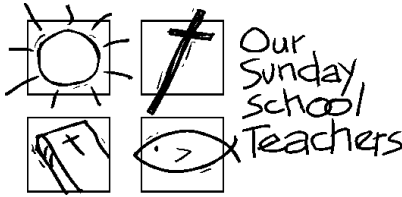
Christian Ed. Director



An invitation to Join Us in Sunday School!

I would like to welcome everyone back to a new Sunday School year.

Please join us each week. Classes are being offered from Pre-K through Adult Sunday School, and will be back in session beginning September 13th from 9:15 to 10:15 am.



Pre-K: Room 2

Kristine Yacovoni

Kindergarten & 1st Grade: Room 4

Denise Kittle and Jennifer L'Amoreaux

2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade: Room 10

Lisa Richards and Florence Legenhausen

5th and 6th Grade: Room 6

Dave Minerley and Dave Savidge

Confirmation: Room 9

Jim Short

8th-12th Grade: Fireplace Room

Karen and Jim Crandell

Jesse and Jennifer Moran



Nursery Care Available

Nursery Care will be offered during the 10:30 am service by Mrs. Amber Olmstead with Morgan Allen and Allison Costello assisting. The nursery is available to all children ages birth to 4 yrs old.

We will offer a K-4 room upstairs every other Sunday starting with September 13th. The children are invited to come after the Children's Time during the 10:30 am service.

Schedule:

September 13th

September 27th

October 11th

October 25th



Youth Group will meet the first and third Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted.

Our first meeting will be **September 20th** from 6:30-8 pm in the Fireplace Room

Tracy & Sue



Nursery Care will be available, starting September 13, during the Sunday School hour. Mrs. Natalie Leotta will be available in the Nursery to care for your child/children during Sunday school. Please take advantage of this service and join us in an adult Sunday school class.



Connections

Highlighting the shared ministry of the people of
The Wyoming Annual Conference

Fall Boundary Listening Sessions

Learn what is happening and ask your questions

As we move through this 2009-2010 conference year, we become increasingly aware how this is a time of transitions; a time in which people experience all kinds of concerns, reactions and emotions. We know that this is normal. We also know that being aware of the change process and seeing where things stand can assist with the transition process and help those in the change better manage their own emotions and feelings and the change itself.

With this in mind, at a recent meeting, Bishop Hassinger and the Cabinet discussed compiling information about the coming boundary changes and disseminating it across the conference this fall. To that end conference staff, conference leaders and members of the New ACT (NY) and the Vision Team (PA) will host eight Boundary Information Sessions in October and November.

The sessions will be designed to outline issues that the New ACT and Vision Team are reviewing and provide opportunities for local church leaders to ask questions and offer feedback. Over the subsequent months, that feed back will help the teams solidify their recommendations in preparation for action at the June 4 & 5, 2010 Annual Conference session.

Some items to be covered are salaries, pension, health insurance, property insurance, ministry shares, Sky Lake and leadership and ministry opportunities in the new conferences. The sessions, tentatively planned to be two hours long, will be open to any who would like to come. The dates, times and locations are as follows:

- Tuesday, October 27 2p.m. Bethany UMC 7p.m. Chinchilla UMC
- Wednesday, October 28 1p.m. Park Terrace Community Church 7p.m. Endwell UMC

Note Location!

- Tuesday, November 10 3p.m. Elm Park UMC - Oneonta 7p.m. Elm Park UMC - Oneonta
- Wednesday, November 11 1p.m. Tunkhannock UMC 7p.m. Dallas UMC

The meetings in New York will focus on New York-related issues. The Pennsylvania meetings will focus on matters related to Pennsylvania.

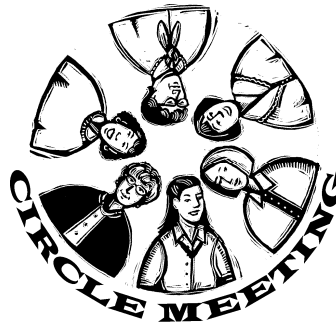
We will circulate more detailed information in the fall, but wanted to get these details to you now so you can note them on your calendar. If you have particular questions or issues you would like the teams to address, feel free to forward them to Rev. Mark Marino, Director of Connectional Ministries at m.marino@earthlink.net.

Track Your Church's Ministry Share Performance

The Council on Finance and Administration is using a new tool to help members of local congregations keep track of how their church is doing in meeting its obligation to support the shared ministry of The United Methodist Church. A file outlining the amount of each church's fair share and the progress each has made in paying that amount is now available for downloading from the conference website. You can access that file at www.wyomingconference.org/track.

Deborah Circle

September 16th (Wed)
10 a.m.
White Room



“Health Kits for Haiti”

Please call or e-mail Kay Lathrop to see what is needed for the kits.

Rebekah Circle Meeting

Our September meeting will be on THURSDAY, September 17th (please note change of day - September only).

We will carpool from the church parking lot, leaving at 11:30 a.m. to go to the Senior Center on Wayne Street for lunch and then to attend a beautiful slide program on Antarctica. The program is scheduled to start at 12:45 p.m.. Members, their spouses, and anyone else are welcome to go on THURSDAY, September 17th.

Please let either Florence Legenhausen, 754-0542, or Bev Scudder at the office, 754-5735, know if you plan on going.

THANK YOU'S to

Rich Purtell, Linda Peterson, Penny and Nathaniel Short, and Bev Scudder for all your efforts in doing yard work and window washing at my house in July. I am eternally grateful for having such dedicated church friends who help wherever needed.

Ethel Nosal

Rodney Van Housen for doing an excellent job in constructing the new shelves that will hold our large hymnals in the Choir Room. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Senior Choir Members

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED
TO FINISH
THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS**

- *Replace missing ceiling tiles install floor tiles where needed**
- *Clean the gutters around the Church and Garage**
- *Painting of 1 classroom in the Education Wing**
- *Paint trim in the classrooms in the Education Wing**
- *Help clean the Kitchen for the start up of the Monday night dinners**

Please contact Dave Alexander at 743-8955 to let him know what you can help with. This is the time that we need everyone's help with a task because one person cannot accomplish these projects alone. After all, we all are the church together.

The Christian Education program needs 1 televisions size 25" or larger for our Sunday School rooms.

If you can help fill this need, please call the Church office at 754-5735 to arrange a time for pick-up.



Our Sympathies to

....the family of long-time member, Lois Jones, who passed away on June 12th.

....Ray Westling & family on the death of Ray's wife, Evelyn, on July 12th.

....Scott & Brenda Costello & family on the death of Scott's father, Jack Costello, on July 30th.

....Michael Saarie and his daughter, Crystal, on the death of Crystal's fiancé, James Argentine, who was killed in Afghanistan on August 6th.

....Gary & Pat deBlieck on the death of Gary's father, Albert deBlieck, on August 10th.

....Carl & Sylvia Rounds on the death of Sylvia's brother-in-law, Dominic Mollica, on August 24th.

....Betty Harrington and Jean Taylor on the death of their sister, Jane Seymour, on August 23rd in Illinois.

....Barbara & Steve Crowle on the deaths of Barbara's aunt, Theresa Reicker, on August 24th in PA., and Steve's mother, Barbara Crowle on August 27th in PA..

Congratulations to

....Steve & Heather Pancoast on the baptism of their son, Landon Stewart, on July 12th. Landon's proud grandparents are David and Gale Spencer.

....Lillian Van Arsdale and Justin Van Arsdale on the baptism of their son, Matthew Ferdinand, on July 19th.

....Dave & Diane Alexander on the birth of their grandson, Benjamin David, on July 30th. Benjamin's parents are Lee and Jennifer Alexander.

....Ken & Patti Anderson on the marriage of Ken's daughter, Julia, to Cameron Lomber on August 1st.

....Rich & Julie Purtell on the birth of their daughter, Audrey Joy, on August 8th. Baby Audrey Joy now has two sisters, Kimberly and Amanda.

....Tom & Laura Jones, first-time grandparents of baby Dylan Kuzyszyn, born August 16th in Durham, NC. Dylan's parents are Don and Katrina Jones.

PRAYERS + PEOPLE + GOD = MIRACLES

During July and August, our Congregational Prayer Group and prayer chain members included the following church members in their daily prayers: Betty & Doug Oakey, Pat & Larry Vesely, Betty Rogler, Charlie Rider, Elin Schaller, Karyl Gadecki, Roy Carter, Diane Schwarzmeier, Ruth Barbieri, Jessica Eagles, Chuck Gunther, Bernie Decker, Tom McAdon.

Also during this same time frame, the following people were included as well: Joe Mahany, Stephanie Good, Theresa Knight, Cherie Savage, Louise Heckman, Vito DeCarlo, Bill Ditchey, Lucille Foley, Bob & Diane Squier, Mary Wiwigac, Casey Feldman Family, Phillip Knasiak, Jack Costello, Jean Hazen, Frank & Ann Kelemecz, Kathy Eishenhauer, Dodie Parlman, Carl Larson, Cliff Post, Cody Brizzolara, Howard Pace, Dee Schira, Jim Scheibner & family, Michael Saarie & family, Mike Powell, Judy Harding, Mrs. Zindell, Gerrie Raw, Sally Tallon, Michael Fish, Carol Beagel.

(Names given for need of prayers will be listed for one month only. If prayers are needed beyond a month, they will be included in our Long Term Prayer Listing. Please advise Bev Scudder, 754-5735, when a current status is known.)

Included in our **Long Term Prayer Listing** were **69 entries**.

Prayer requests can be advised either by calling the church office (754-5735) or contact any prayer member. If an address of the person needing prayers is also advised, a letter is sent to them, letting them know we have included them in our prayers.

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Each week, we also pray for the men and women serving in our Armed Forces: Dan Geisenhof, Alex Russell, Ben Staples, Tom Swartz, Nick Tokos.

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

September 6th—14th Sunday after Pentecost; Labor Day

Sermon: Working 24/7

Text: Mark 7:24-37

September 13th—Rally Day

Sermon: The Heavens Are Telling

Text: Psalm 19

September 20th—16th Sunday after Pentecost; Communion

Sermon: The Interview

Text: Proverbs 31:10-31

September 27th—17th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon: Christians R Us

Text: Mark 9:38-50

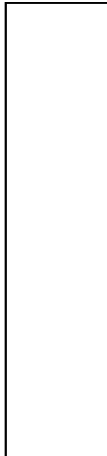
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Sunday Worship at 8:15 & 10:30

Sunday School at 9:15