

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,

Lynne and I offer the hope that this New Year, amidst its opportunities and challenges, joys and sorrows, that we will live into a deeper love of God and each other. The first Sunday of 2024, Epiphany Sunday, January 7th, will offer a rich opportunity as our **Bishop, Héctor A. Burgos Núñez**, will be leading worship and consecrating our time of Holy Communion. Everyone is also invited to a church-wide reception for the Bishop, in the Fellowship Hall, following worship, sponsored by our Grove Missions team. The following Sunday, January 14th we will continue the tradition of reaffirming our baptisms and inviting those who have never been baptized, to do so.

Looking back over this past year, I am awed at all we have done together but more grateful by what we have become along the way. As we continue to navigate post-covid concerns and the schism of our beloved denomination, we have found fruitful ways to dialogue, celebrate our diversity, care for each other amidst our busyness and look toward God when everything around us is screaming for us to wallow in our disdain.

We enter 2024 as people of hope, peace, joy and love where the candles of Advent and Christmas become our witness to the world. If you are feeling estranged, I invite us to unite our hearts. If you have been hurt, I invite us to heal. If you haven't found your place, I invite us to make room. If your spirit is parched, I invite us to quench our thirst as we worship together. If you feel as if God is absent, I invite us into the glorious moments of being present, with God and one another. Please never forget, "That you are Loved."

TOGETHER IN PRAYER in 2024

Everyone is invited to join in 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. These tools will be used each month in our small groups, prayer groups, fellowship and meetings as we look toward living through the power of prayer.

May we ALL join our spirits and truly be:

TOGETHER IN PRAYER



Jan 2024

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 -5th grade is held each week during worship following the children's sermon from 10:15 – 11:00am. The Gospel Light Kids Time curriculum allows kids to 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



Get Ready for Camp Firelight VBS July 7-11

As kids join first time camp counselor Sam and Lu (short for Lumen) the lightning bug puppet as they learn to face their fears while trusting God. During this camp adventure, kids will learn ways to connect with God and put their trust in him whenever they are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world as they share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ!



TWIGS
Teens Walking In
Gods Spirit

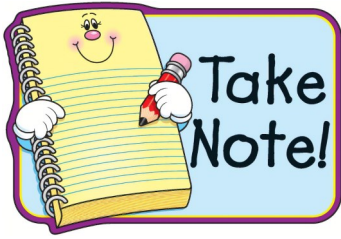
Our TWIGS Youth Group Mission is to engage teens in Christian values and inspire them to be rooted in God's love, laugh often, and live like Jesus. Through events, missions and fun activities, youth are rooted in their faith and inspired to live, serve, and share God's love. Both groups, Jr. & Sr. High,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

www.rootedateumc.org/twigseyouthgroup



January TWIGS Events & Missions:

- Sun. Jan 7th - 11-12:30pm – Bishop Hector A Burgos Nunez Reception
- Sun. Jan. 14th – 11-12:30pm - TBA
- Sun. Jan. 21st – 11-12:30pm - TBA
- Sun. Jan. 28th – 11-12:30pm - TBA
- Sun. Feb. 4th – 11-1pm "The Perch" Open House



CHURCH REPORTS

Red Bird Mission.

On Monday, December 4, Jim and Penny Short, Tom Scheibner, Ken Schlock and Dave Alexander drove two 26 foot trucks and a 12 passenger van (courtesy of Central United Methodist Church) to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. The trucks were loaded with 20,875 pounds of shoeboxes, blanket, sheets, school supplies and miscellaneous personal hygiene supplies. They also delivered over 10 large boxes of knitted items courtesy of Bonnie Hrusecky. The monetary value was over \$100,000.00.

We thank everyone who helped on making this a success.

Planning for the 2024 trip is now underway. We are working with many Churches in the Upper New York Conference to insure that we can once again take two trucks loaded with supplies to the Red Bird Mission in December 2024

Monday Night Dinner:

Many thanks to all of those individuals who worked on Christmas Day and New Years Day to provide a hot meal to people who didn't have a place to go for a meal. It was very rewarding to be able to serve these people at this time of year.

As the new year starts, we are writing letters to all of the local business seeking financial support for our mission to continue to provide a free meal to those in need. The letter being sent out is here for your review. If you know of a business that might support our mission please don't hesitate to request several copies of the letter to hand out to them. Our community dinner is self supporting and does not receive funding from the Church. Any help you can give in our effort to raise money would be appreciated.

Trustees Report:

The Trustees are working to improve the electrical wiring on the second floor of the Education wing. This work will include replacing the panel box located in the narthex and replacing the outdated wiring .



****For those who use offering envelopes, your 2024 envelope box may not be available until after the first of the year. If you have used offering envelopes in the past, but do not need them this year, please notify the office. If you are also able to offset the cost of the envelopes that too, would be a blessing. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience****

Emergency generator:

The work on the emergency generator has now been complete, the fencing has even installed and the security concrete post were installed. We have done several test runs to make sure everything is working correctly. We are now prepared for any power outages that may occur.

From the Trustees:

We would like to remind everyone to be careful when walking in the parking on bad weather days, if you see some icy spots, please let the greeters know.

PLEASE NOTE: if you are sending cards to Barb Herne, please send them to her son Ted at 7613 Claiborne Woods Road, Charlotte, NC 28216, her eyesight is not what it use to be and Ted will read them to her over the phone.

COMMUNITY LETTER

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 Dinners



The advertisement features a light blue background. At the top center, the text "DOUG'S FISH FRY" is written in a stylized, outlined font, with "TO GO" in red below it. Two fish illustrations are positioned on either side of the text. Below this, an ampersand "&" is centered, followed by the words "BAKE SALE" in large, red, outlined letters. Two white boxes with red text, "Baked Goods Are Needed!", are placed on either side of the "BAKE SALE" text. At the bottom, the dates "SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH" and "SATURDAY JANUARY 20TH" are listed, separated by an ampersand, with the time "11:00 AM - 6:00 PM" below them.

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Upcoming Events

Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez will be worshipping with the Endwell UMC on Sunday, January 7th, Epiphany Sunday, to share the message and Holy Communion. What a wonderful way to kick off 2024!! There will be a reception for the Bishop, following worship, in the fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Grove Missions Team.



Our Brooks Chicken Bar-B-Q's are returning in 2024 and the launch is set for Friday, January 12th 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. *Church members who purchase presale tickets with cash or credit, who call or stop in to the office, will receive \$1.00 of each meal.*



The Winter New Comer's Class is scheduled for Sunday, February 4th, following worship, in the Sanctuary. This will coincide the "The Perch Open House", so following worship head over the "The Perch" to enjoy some good food, conversation and incredible music by Violinist, Billy Dominick, who happens to be Lynne Kimpland's brother, and then head over to the Winter New Comer's class. If you would like to register simply call the office at 607- 754-5735.

Breakfast

Men's Group

Men of all ages are invited to a men's breakfast on Saturday, January 13 at 8 am in the fellowship hall. We will have scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon, orange juice and coffee. Plan on attending for good food and good conversation.



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.



January 7

Dave Alexander
Elsa Bingel

January 14

Patti Anderson
Art Newcomb

January 21

Tom Bushnell
Joyce Atherton

January 28

Anita VanWinkle
Dale McGlynn



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 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.



January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Office Closed NO EPS 3:00 pm Lord's Table (Take Out)	2 Office Closed NO EPS 10:00 am Prayer Group	3	4 8:30am Mobile Food Pantry 7:15pm Choir	5	6 11:00-6:00pm Doug's Fish Fry Bake Sale 6:00pm Hispanic Worship
7 Bishop Hector Burgos Holy Communion 10:00am Worship/CC 11:15am Reception for Bishop FH (TWIGS)	8 3:00 pm Lord's Table (Take Out)	9 10:00 am Prayer Group	10	11 7:15pm Choir	12 3:00pm Brooks Chicken Bar-B-Q	13 8:00am Men's Breakfast FH 6:00pm Hispanic Worship
14 Reaffirmation of Baptism 10:00am Worship/CC 11:15 am Westover UMC (TWIGS—Perch)	15 Office Closed NO EPS 3:00 pm Lord's Table (Take Out)	16 10:00 am Prayer Group 6:00pm MN 7:00pm AC	17 Noon PSG—FH	18 7:15pm Choir	19	20 11:00am-6:00pm Doug's Fish Fry Bake Sale 6:00pm Hispanic Worship
21 3rd Sunday after Epiphany 10:00am Worship/CC 11:15 am Westover UMC (TWIGS—Perch)	22 3:00 pm Lord's Table (Take Out)	23 10:00am Prayer Group	24	25 7:15pm Choir	26	27 6:00pm Hispanic Worship
28 Witness Sunday 10:00 am Worship/CC 11:15am Westover UMC (TWIGS—Perch)	29 3:00 pm Lord's Table (Take Out)	30 10:00am Prayer Group	31			

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