

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 hard to believe that I now share our plans for Lent and Easter! We will enter the season of Lent with our traditional **Ash Wednesday worship** at both Noon and 7:00pm in the sanctuary on February 14th. Both will include the receiving of ashes. (*There will also be a Doug's Fish Fry from 11:00am-6:00pm if you are looking for an easy meal that day*).

Throughout the (6) Sundays of Lent, I invite you to participate in my sermon series entitled, **Wrestling With Doubt, Finding Faith**, written by Rev. Adam Hamilton. Here are the topics for each Sunday:

2/18: Is there a God?

2/25: The Good Book: Wrestling with the Bible

3/3: Are All Non-Christians Going to Hell?

3/10: Is Heaven Real?

3/17: When Prayers go Unanswered

3/24: Palm Sunday, Why do the Innocent Suffer?

I encourage you to purchase the book to enhance this Lenten experience that we will be sharing together..

Our sister, Anita VanWinkle will also be leading 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.

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



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. 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 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 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!!!



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



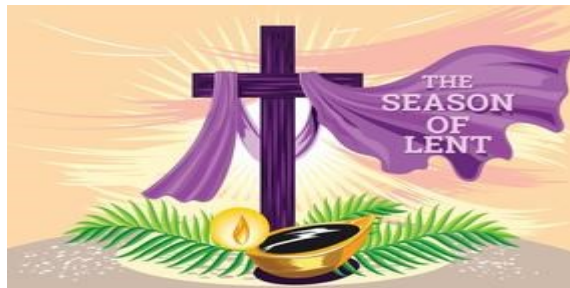
February TWIGS Events & Missions:

- Sun. Feb. 4th - 11-1:00pm The Perch Open House Celebration
- Sun. Feb. 11th – 11-12:30pm Souper Bowl of Caring – Rise Against Hunger
- Sun. Feb. 18th - 11-12:30pm TBA
- Sun. Feb. 25th – 11-12:30pm TBA

Lenten Offering

The month of February begins our Lenten Offering as envelopes are attached to this newsletter 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 February. 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.

The season of Lent is a holy and sacred time of inward reflection and discipline. Through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and witness may this time draw us closer to Jesus, toward a life that reflects the love of Jesus, both in our personal lives, and our life as the Body of Christ.



St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

ENDWELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! We're excited to share with you the impact your clothing shed made over the last year...

-46,580 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed in 2023

-This was enough to clothe an estimated 8,581 people all over the world

-Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$1,863

Thank you so much for everything you, your volunteers, and your communities do to support the clothing shed program!

Sincerely,

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

COMMUNITY LETTERS

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

✨ Exciting News! ✨

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news: We have been officially approved as a New Faith Community in the Upper New York Annual Conference and selected as a grant recipient of the New Beginnings Fund for 2024! 🎉 This is a testament to the dedication and vision of our Ministry to reach new people in contextual ways to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

New Faith Communities breathe life into the mission of reaching new people in unique and meaningful ways, ensuring that the legacy of discontinued congregations continues to impact lives positively.

We're excited about the journey ahead and the far-reaching impact our ministry can have!

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Dear Restauradores Hispanic Ministry (Restorers) @ Endwell United Methodist Church,

I am thrilled to officially announce and celebrate your ministry's approval as a New Faith Community and as a grant recipient of the New Beginnings Fund for January 2024! This is a momentous achievement that reflects the commitment and vision of Endwell United Methodist Church to reach new people and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The New Beginnings Fund of United Methodists of Upper New York supports grants to intentionally reach new people in contextual ways to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The New Beginnings Fund - made up of the net proceeds from the sale of the church buildings of discontinued congregations - enables closed churches to provide a legacy to reach new people and for new churches take root.

Here are some key details regarding your New Faith Communities grant:

- **Grant Amount:** \$30,460
- **Distribution Date:** January 15, 2024
- **Grant Schedule by mailed check from Conference:**
 - 1st Quarter: January 15
 - 2nd Quarter: April 15
 - 3rd Quarter: July 15
 - 4th Quarter: October 15
 - *(Grants \$5,000 or less may be distributed bi-annually or in a lump sum.)*

This grant is for one year of funding, and we anticipate that it will serve as a catalyst for the growth and impact of your ministry. Subsequent grants will require new applications and will emphasize the importance of demonstrating your own financial sustainability.

As an additional resource to support your ministry, I will be reaching out to you to initiate monthly one-on-one **coaching sessions** throughout this first year. These sessions aim to provide personalized guidance and assistance as you navigate this exciting phase of ministry to reach new people!

Once again, congratulations on this significant achievement! We look forward to witnessing the positive transformation and outreach of Restauradores in the coming year.



FROM THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees met on Sunday, January 14 and the following was approved:

Evans Plumbing and B & W Electric were approved as the contractors for repairs at the Church

Lawnsense was approved for lawn care for year 2024

Reed Generator Service LLC was approved for annual maintenance on generator at a cost of \$285.00 per year



Evans Plumbing was approved to perform spring and fall maintenance on all the ductless units, cost is \$2,400.00 for sanctuary and \$6,400.00 for offices, fellowship hall and the Perch

Leggs Cleaning Service was hired for cleaning the Church at a cost of \$1,400.00 per month. We will work with them to reduce cost thru the use of community service workers

Approved the purchase of a storage shed at a cost of \$5,400.00 to store the mobile food pantry wagons, round tables, and other miscellaneous items

Approval was granted to the following groups for use of the fellowship hall;

Endwell Garden club , 2nd Wednesday for the month, donation of \$300.00

Parkinson's Group. 3rd Wednesday of the month, donation of \$200.00

Broome County Election Board to hold primary and general election

Mobile Food Pantry on the first Monday of the month

Continue the community dinners on Monday as take out only for year 2024

FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Many thanks to Kristina, Karen and RoseMarie for the many hours spent this year on the financial reporting/accounting/pledge and banking for the church....their dedication is not seen by many but is a huge contributor to our ministry together.

We are so blessed by such a giving congregation!!!! The finance team is happy to report that we have a balanced budget for 2023 and a solid plan for 2024. Due to a large individual contribution AND the extra giving of many within the congregation we were able to overcome the deficit from earlier in the year!!!!

Upcoming Events

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, February 10th at 8:00am at the Union Diner. Plan on attending for good food and good conversation as men of all ages are welcomed.



Sunday, February 11th

Following worship plan to bring a crockpot of your favorite soup, chowder or chili to share. Twigs Youth Group will serve and a free will offering will go toward Rise Against Hunger meal Packing Event which will be held on May 4th 9-11am.



Fellowship Hall following Worship



Upcoming Events



Baked Goods Are Needed!

&
“BAKE SALE”

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

February 14th



- Noon
- 7:00pm
- Both services will be held in sanctuary



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Our Brooks Chicken Bar-B-Q's are returning in 2024 and the next date is set for Friday, February 16th 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.



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.



February 4

Steve Johnson
Paula Johnson

February 11

Georgia Tamblyn
Betty Jo Kasprzak

February 18

Dave Alexander
Elsa Bingel

February 25

Patti Anderson
Art Newcomb



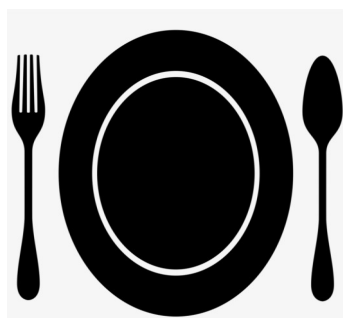
MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 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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