

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,

I am writing this article prior to my spiritual leave in the hope this might foster conversations, discernment and hope for our future together. Understanding that we are in times of fluidity, unlimited options and hectic schedules, the past year has clearly shown me that changes must be made. It is my belief that churches that are willing to do so will flourish and those not willing, will die.

I need your input regarding offering a contemporary, Saturday late afternoon worship experience in the fellowship hall, beginning this fall. I am thinking of an informal gathering at 4:00 or 5:00pm, lasting approximately 40-45 minutes, where anyone would be welcomed but with a clear emphasis on young families. This generation is finding Sunday worship difficult with extra-curricular activities as shown in our dwindling Children's Church participation over the past year.

This contemporary style of worship would include a time where the children will worship during a time of praise then leave and play on the playground or participate in a craft or object lesson and then rejoin their parents for the final song. We would need adult participation to pull this off. This would NOT be live-streamed so that we would not need to contend with copy right issues and keep our style interactive.

I desperately need feedback, especially from the millennial generation as to whether this might be a viable option for you? I also need volunteers to assist with the children if this is to become a reality which would most likely be on a revolving schedule much like children's church. Please send me an email @ Pastormark@endwellumc.org and share your thoughts, commitment and prayers toward this exciting opportunity. My hope is that this experience would also lend itself to inviting others, where a more casual style may be more comfortable to those not familiar with worship. I look forward to hearing from any of you as we build God's kingdom of love right here in Endwell!

Advent in August Offering

Attached to your August Newsletter is our annual Advent in August offering envelope, a tradition we launched several years ago to lessen the financial requests over the holidays. This is a vital offering during the summer that often allows us to enter the fall with financial stability. Please give generously throughout August as envelopes are available in the office, Welcome Center and pews the entire month. In advance, I thank you for your extravagant generosity!

Caravan of Hope

Last year we partnered with Trinity UMC in Hackettstown, NJ and provided notes of encouragement and love to those receiving over 5,000 meals in a day long meal delivery ministry. Over 20 people participated as we wrote 500 notes on 3x5 cards. We are ready to launch in 2022!! You can pick up as many cards as you would like (they will be different colors this year!) at the office and be as creative and colorful as you choose. September 1st will be the cutoff so please pick up your cards ASAP, share some love and then return them to the office so we can mail them to our brothers and sisters in NJ!

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST: 8:30 AM–11:30 AM

Riger Marketing Communications will be coming with 10 employees to help with the distribution of the food items. We will be increasing the number of families being served from 200 to 250 starting on this date.

Special thanks to Steve Johnson for making these arrangements!!

MONDAY, AUGUST 29TH: 8:30 AM–11:30 AM

We are always looking for more volunteers to help us on this mission. This is usually held the first Monday of each month, except the first Monday in September is a holiday (Labor Day). Therefore, this date has changed to the end of August instead.



August 7

Tom Bushnell
Joyce Atherton

August 14

Dave Alexander
Elsa Bingel

August 21

Patti Anderson
Art Newcomb

August 28

Steve Johnson
Paula Johnson

VINES FARM SHARE

****Every Wednesday****

4:00 PM-6:00 PM

PROVIDES FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES TO ANYONE THAT SIGNS UP.....**SIGN UP BY GOING TO- www.vinesgarden.org**

Several volunteers needed here at the Church from 3:30 to 6:15 pm to have a church presence and to meet insurance requirements while VINES people are in the building. **Please LET THE OFFICE KNOW or contact Dave Alexander!!**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO LYNNE KIMPLAND FOR ALL OF HER TIME AND ALL
OF THE VOLUNTEERS THAT HELPED MAKE THIS YEAR'S VBS
(VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL) A HUGE SUCCESS!!!**



Trustees News

LOOKING FOR SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS WHO WOULD BE WILLING TO WATER THE PLANTS BY THE SANCTUARY ENTRANCE AND ALL OF THE GARDENS. (about 1/2 hour)

THE TRUSTEES WOULD LIKE TO ALSO REMIND EVERYONE TO LOCK YOUR VEHICLES WHILE THEY ARE IN THE PARKING LOT. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE VISIBLE ON YOUR INTERIOR SEATS.

Monday Night Dinners

We are still averaging over 200 people coming for a take out meal every Monday!!!

Starting in August, we will become an **official PANTRY** and will be looking for a volunteer to help with the paperwork and processing in **Fresh Trak**. as we will be entering all the families into this system.

Fresh Trak is a software program run by the FOOD BANK of the southern tier uses for this type of organization or program. Dave Alexander and/or Gretchen Burlison could be very busy, and to have an extra person to help and ease the transition of the changes could be beneficial. THANK YOU

Trustee Report;

The Trustees are looking for several volunteers who would be willing to come down to the Church and water the plantings by the sanctuary entrance and also the gardens. This usually takes a half hour to do.

The Trustees want to remind everyone that you should **lock your cars** while they are parked in the parking lot. Please do not leave anything of value visible on your car seats.

Mobile Food Pantry; At our August 1st mobile food pantry Riger Marketing Communications will be coming with 10 employees to help with the distribution of the food items, special thank to Steve Johnson for making these arrangement.

At this **Mobile Food Pantry** will be increasing the number of families being served from 200 to 250. The need for food is increasing in our area and our Church is stepping up to help with this problem. We are always looking for more volunteers to help on this mission, it usually runs from 8:30 am to 11:30 am on the first Monday of every month, except in August we will be having a mobile food pantry on Monday, August 29th as the first Monday in September is Labor Day.

Monday night dinners: we are still averaging over 200 people coming for a take out meal every Monday. In August will become an official pantry and will be looking for a volunteer to help with the computer work as we will be putting the clients in FreshTrak a program run by the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

VINES: every Wednesday VINES provides fresh vegetables to anyone who signs up. We are looking for several volunteers who would be willing to be at Church on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 6:15pm to have a Church presence to meet insurance requirements while the VINES people are in the building. If you a help, please let Dave Alexander know.

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