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Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

From the Pastor's Heart,

I greet you in the **hope** of a **joy**-filled 2022 and may this New Year be filled with wonderful opportunities to offer **peace** and **love** to others, as we follow **Jesus**! (Hoping you are catching the advent theme....)

As I look forward, with optimism, to a New Year and my 63rd trip around the sun, I admit there is an element of concern within my spirit that is not usually present at this time of year. We can all agree that the past nearly (2) years have been difficult, complicated and demanding. As a church family we have had to improvise, strategize, analyze and organize in ways we never imagined. As your Spiritual Leader, I stand proud of your resilience, determination and resolve in continuing to follow Jesus in these uncertain times and even more, uncertain future.

Our most immediate challenge as we enter 2022 will be funding our Ministry Plan. Last year, death brought the sorrow of losing nearly two-dozen faithful church members, accompanied with the same amount of those who moved from the area. Covid-19 restrictions and health concerns kept new individuals/families, from in-person mission and ministry, which stymied our growth. Our technology continued to reach out to others but the level of commitment is often less than "being a part of a hands-on ministry." Simply put, this coming year presents an unprecedented financial challenge, we have not witnessed, in my nearly 9 years as your Pastor.

In the face of this monumental opportunity I am asking us to pray, but please hear me out. **Pray as a prayer for action!** May we not pray as if this is someone else's problem, or for someone else to step up but may we pray as an individual blessing to respond boldly, intentionally and on purpose. In other words, if you have ideas, share them. If God is calling you toward a new ministry, vision or mission, communicate the call with others. If you have the radical thought of "doing something we have never done before", come join the party, you will be in good company.

Our way through this pandemic and upcoming schism is through the power, wisdom and love of Jesus while <u>all his disciples</u> come together as One Body! Only together, with passion - not perfection, with diversity – not dogma, in unity – not division, living as Kingdom people – not as fearful people, will we ever be equipped and empowered to live out the promise Jesus offers us, *"that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."*

2022 Ministry Plan Investments/Pledges

Investment/Pledge cards received to date = 95

Total = \$250,471.00 (12/28/21)

The Endwell UMC

Associate Pastor and Multi-cultural Ministries News

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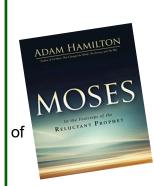
Greeting in the name of our LORD Jesus Christ!

As the year of 2021 draws to a close and we enter into New Year of 2022, the people and Congregation would like to say, "**thank you so much**" for your thoughtfulness, your gifts, your Prayers and your support for Us. We are so grateful and appreciative.

As we anticipate the year of 2022, our main focus is on engaging of making disciple, lead the new leadership development, Community Outreach/Mission, and Interfaith Fellowship. It is our deepest hope and prayer that our meaningful small group Bible study, Worship Service and Community Witness Outreach will continue through uncertain times and find the best way to meet each other needs. May God's continued blessings give us strength and keep you safe as we looking boldly forward for better year.

Rev. Sean Chanthasone Associated Pastor and Multi-cultural Ministries

Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet



By: Adam Hamilton

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. ~ Youth Room

This will be the next Thursday morning study, **beginning January 20th through February 24th**. The DVD will take us to sites in Egypt and Sinai where the story Moses took place. Chapters in the book are The Birth of Moses, Two Moments That Defined the Man, The Exodus, The Ten Commandments, Lessons from the Wilderness, and Don't Forget - Pass It On.

We welcome you to join this study. Contact Anita Van Winkle (dvanwinkle48@yahoo.com), Sean Chanthasone (laoandthaiUMC@yahoo.com) or the church office (office@endwellumc.org)





January

Children's Ministry Mission Inspiring children to be rooted in God's love, laugh often, and walk in the footsteps of Jesus.



Children's Church for kids Pre-K -5th grades kicked off on Sept. 12th following the children's sermon from 9:45-10:30. If your child is not able to attend this exciting adventure, with music, videos crafts, snacks and games, you can access last year's Children's Church program by going to <u>www.rootedateumc.org/childrenschurch</u>



The TWIGS Youth Group is currently participating in a Lift-A-Thon Mission to raise money for Liam's Lift – a 3 year boy in the Endicott area who has Spinal Muscular Atrophy; his condition requires him to be on a respirator and in a wheel chair. We are raising money to supply him with a mechanical lift. To make a donation go to: www.gofundme.com and do a search for Liam's Lift. After entering donation amount continue to next page to enter credit card information and select Endwell UMC as the team member. Thanks for your support of this mission.



Super Bowl of Caring is on Sunday Feb. 13th – we are looking for people to sign up to donate a crock pot of soup. Soup will be served following worship for takeout by the TWIGS Youth group. All donations will go toward the **"Rise Against Hunger"** Meal

packing program on May 14th. Please see Lynne or Dave if you would like to donate a pot of soup. Thanks.

Greeting to all from your EUMC Finance Committee

We are reaching the end of our 2022 Ministry Plan projected budget pledge drive. Our church is so blessed by the Christian devotion to the financial health of our church as we continue to pursue the goal of making disciples for our Lord Jesus Christ. This devotion and dedication are particularly evident during trying times of uncertainty and trepidation caused by the Covid 19 pandemic and its various strains.

As of 12/21/21, we have reached a total of \$315,996 toward our Ministry Plan of \$350,000. This \$315,996 breakdown consists of:

\$244,251		Pledged 2022	93 units
\$22,732		EFT - no pledge	12 units
\$3,840	=	Pledged 2021	4 units
\$45,173		Projected 2022	53 units
<u>\$315,996</u>	=	Total	

93 family units have pledged (green cards) for 2022

12 family units give electronically and have received confirmation letters.

4 family units pledged in 2021 and are expected to give accordingly in 2022.

53 family units are, based in historical giving, are projected to continue in 2022.

For those who thrive on statistics, out of the 93 pledges, 50 are the same as 2021, 6 are new pledges, 26 are pledge increases, 6 are pledges decreases, and 5 are no longer pledging.

Later in January, your Finance Committee will be meeting to further discuss our pledge status and recommend any Ministry Plan changes that may be deemed necessary.

Again, how blessed we are. Thank you so much for your generosity. May our Lord continue to bless our church endeavors as we continue to follow his will. Happy New Year.

~Rod Peterson, Financial Secretary



- * Joyce Atherton in Loving Memory of Tom Atherton & Mildred Marean
- * David & Kristina Harrington in Loving Memory of William Zimmermann & Betty Harrington
- * Jenna Gorman in Loving Memory of Maama & Pop Pop
- * Kathy Stack in Honor of Church Historians & Red Bird Mission Team for all they do for so many
- * David & Phyllis Smith in Memory of Officer David Smith, Jr.

Trustees News

The Trustees remind everyone to please watch for black ice in our parking lot. Please remember to lock your car door and do not leave anything of value on your car seat.

The Trustees are always looking for volunteers to help with various projects around the Church. If you would like to help on extra projects, please contact the Church office.

Monday Night Dinners

Our Church thru the Elmira Food Bank is now a participant in the New York State Restaurant Resiliency Program. This State program provides us with 225 hot meals on Monday nights to pass out to those in need. The participating restaurant is Brooks House of Bar-B-Q. This is a grant program funded on a monthly basis. We have already been approved for the month of January.

Mobile Food Pantry



Monday, January 10, 2022

8:30 am—11:30 am

Registration — Friday, January 7, 2022

There has been a change in registration for the January 10th Mobile Food Pantry.

To register call 211– United Way. Register online at www.foodbankst.org/CED.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help with food packing and delivery.

January Greeters Schedule



<u>January 2</u> Georgia Tamblyn Betty Jo Kasprzak

<u>January 16</u> Dave Alexander Elsa Bingel

January 30 Steve & Paula Johnson January 9 Tom Bushnell Joyce Atherton

<u>January 23</u> Patti Anderson Art Newcomb



Mrs. Harrison resigned as Lead Teacher of the Smart Learner's Program due to personal reasons. We thank her for setting up the program this year and wish her well.

Mrs. Beth Strong has joined us as the Lead Teacher of the Smart Learner's Program for three-year-old children. We are very fortunate to have someone with her credentials and experience. She was a preschool teacher and director in the past. She lives in Endwell. Beth is a New York State certified teacher with a Master's Degree in Elementary Reading and Literacy. Jessica Signorelli has been instrumental in supporting this change. We are so fortunate to have her on board as the Assistant Teacher. She and Beth are ready to do great things with the children.

Our director, Katie Kronyak and her assistant, Terra Henderson worked hard to make this transition smooth. We are thankful for such a wonderful team.

Darlene Darrow, President of the Endwell Preschool Board

Congratulations To Our Maine Endwell Seniors

Congratulations to Logan Howard

For receiving the National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation from Maine Endwell High School

Congratulations to Emily Blight

2021 Binghamton Elite Girls Soccer All-Star Team

(led team in scoring & assists this season)



Monday, January 10 @ 8:30 am ~ Mobile Food Pantry Friday, January 14 @ 3:00 pm—5:00 pm ~ Brooks BBQ Thursday, January 20 — February 24 @ 10:00 am ~ Book Study Sunday, February 13~ Souper Bowl of Caring Tuesday, February 15 @ 6:30 pm ~ New Comer's Class



Red Bird Mission



Greetings to All

The 2021 trip to the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, Kentucky has been completed. On Tuesday, November 30th we took two 26' trucks each filled with 10,000 lbs. of items for the Red Bird Mission. The trucks were loaded with the following items:

- 2,904 shoeboxes filled with personal hygiene supplies for men, women, girls and boys
- 150 or more new sheet sets
- 125 or more backpacks filled with school supplies
- Over 100 handmade scarves and hats
- Over 100 blankets and pillows

We also took cases of the follow:

Shampoo, baby wipes, diapers, liquid hand soap, pads of paper, clip boards, laundry detergent, pens and pencils, misc. school supplies, hand sanitizer

This year's trip to the mission was covered by Spectrum News located in New York State and in Kentucky. The news story can be seen by going to the Endwell UMC website and clicking on the link for 2021 Red Bird Mission. This news story tells the importance and need of participating in this mission.

We are very thankful to all of the churches in the Upper New York Conference and the Northern Pennsylvania churches for supplying all of the above items plus the monetary funding to care for the cost of the trip.

Our team of drivers have all agreed to continue this vital mission for 2022. We would like to encourage churches to consider helping by donating shoeboxes, new sheet sets, new blankets, new pillows, new backpacks, diapers and baby wipes. The people at the Mission depend on our delivering these items to help improve the lives of the people living in that area. <u>We will not be taking any used clothing or used sheets and pillow as the warehouse at the Mission is full of used items.</u>

We could not have done this mission without your help, please consider helping in 2022. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday, November 1 – Monday, November 21 – Collection of all items. Please consider dropping them off at the Upper NY Conference Center in Liverpool or at the Endwell UMC in Endwell, NY. We have already made arrangements for storage space at Nelcorp Electric located in Endwell. We will be heading to the Mission November 28, 2022 – December 2, 2022.

We will be sending more information out starting in February 2022.

One again, I would like to personally thank all of you for your support and prayers for this vital mission. It is a terrific feeling to know how God works to provide for those in need.

Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

Blessing to All,

Dave Alexander

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