

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,

Now that the United Methodist General Conference is behind us, the Upper New York Conference will gather from May 30-June 1, at Onondaga Community College, to discern the diverse ways we will live into the decisions and legislation passed at General Conference. Please keep this process in prayer.

On Pentecost Sunday, I shared the reflections of General Conference from our Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez. In that video, our Bishop highlighted and defined the (5) major decisions and their impact on our beloved denomination. You are able to review, or preview, the video on our **Endwell UMC You Tube channel** by simply clicking on the May 19, 2024 worship video or visit our Upper New York Conference website at **www.unyumc.org** and click on, *Featured Video, Post General Conference message from Bishop Héctor A. Burgos Núñez. Watch as Bishop Héctor shares five key areas addressed during the postponed 2020 General Conference and what it means for Upper New York.*

As we move into this new season of the United Methodist Church, there will be plenty of background chatter and opinions shared from dissenting voices, but my hope is that we stay focused on God's voice and the direction of the Holy Spirit. The days ahead are filled with amazing opportunities to witness the love of Jesus to all our neighbors, near and far and to journey together, spirit to spirit, walking in one love.....

Boldly Forward together.....

Witness Sundays

Perhaps you have felt the Spirit's nudge to share your journey of faith during an upcoming Witness Sunday. To date, 66 brothers and sisters have shared their faith journey as of 2014. ***Is it time to share your story and bless others?*** Most witnesses average 5-10 minutes and have been a wonderful blessing in uniting this congregation as we share our unique life experiences. If you would like to share your journey of faith please contact Pastor Mark directly, and he will answer any questions or concerns you might have.



The future of the mailed Journey newsletter

The Administrative Council of the church has decided to make changes to the future of the monthly Journey that we have been mailing to recipients. The reasons for the proposed change are:

- *Postage continues to rise on a continual bases
- *Costs will increase – we have been mailing the newsletter at a bulk rate by the piece, the newsletter will now be mailed by weight (increasing the cost). Possibility an increase in number of mailings to be considered for bulk mailing (currently 200)
- *No longer able to take the newsletter to the Endicott post office for bulk mailing, now we will need to take them to the Binghamton post office
- *Cost of supplies continue to rise (paper, copy machine, ink cartridges)
- *We are currently paying a yearly fee of \$320 to use the bulk rate, which has increased every year
- *It will decrease the labor hours needed to assemble 200+ newsletters each month.

The changes beginning next month include:

If you have an email address with us, the newsletter would be emailed rather than mailed. If you have been receiving the Journey by mail, and have an email address, and would like the Journey emailed to you please, let the office know.

If you do not have an email address and would like to continue receiving the newsletter, please let the office know and we would be sure to send you a copy.

If you are currently receiving the Journey by email there will be no changes.

Copies of the newsletter would still be available at the Welcome Center and also in the office.

UPDATE: at the May 21st Administrative Council meeting the Council approved the motion that the June issue of the Journey will be the last paper copy that will be sent in the mail unless one is requested.



Children's Ministry Mission

Inspiring children to be rooted in God's
Love, laugh often, and live like Jesus.

June



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. During our time together, children 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



Church Family Picnic – Sunday June 23rd Following worship we will gather in the fellowship hall for an end of the year celebration. Everyone is invited and asked to bring a dish or dessert to share. Meats & drinks will be provided. Weather permitting - during the Children Church time - Children will enjoy the waterslide and are asked to wear bathing suits and bring a towel.

Following the church family picnic - we are looking for people to help set up the platform stage in the sanctuary for VBS. Your help is greatly appreciated. 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. Limited Registration so register early! If you would like to be a part of this exciting adventure, let Lynn know, Thanks!

www.rootedateumc.org/campfirelightvbs



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. The TWIGS Youth are encouraged to volunteer at Camp Firelight VBS this will be our last event for the summer.

The TWIGS YG will resume in the fall. Have a great summer vacation!



Congratulations to our Graduates – May God bless you on this next Journey of life! Layla Swezey, Celina Chanthasone, Josh Goodwin & Megan McLaughlin



The Trustees met on Sunday, May 5th with the President of the Endwell Preschool, Darlene Darrow and the Director of the Preschool Beth Strong. A productive meeting was held with the Preschool detailing their plans for the 2024-2025 school year and what their needs from the Church would be.

The Trustees then met to approve installing two ductless units from the Fellowship Hall to the remaining two rooms downstairs. Evans Plumbing was the low bidder for the work and B&W Electric will do all of the needed electrical work. Discussion about the paving of the parsonage driveway and the sidewalk used by the Preschool and vendors will be asked to provide price quotes.



1 Chronicle 16:34 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

Dear EUMC Church Family,

Thank you all for the prayers, cards and well wishes for my hip surgery and recovery. I am healing well and feeling wonderful. I truly appreciate your love and kindness.

Love, Jennifer Maerkl

We celebrate the birth of Lily Genevieve Chesko, daughter of Tyler & Lauren Chesko, born May 14th weighing 8.28lbs and 21 ". Barry & Kelly Bonitz are the proud Grandparents!

CHURCH NEWS



Rev. Jose Valencia Scholarship Award Winners



Celina Chanthasone—will be graduating from Maine-Endwell High School with a GPA of 97.22 and will be attending the University of Albany majoring in Childhood and Special Education

Layla Swezey—will be graduating from Union-Endicott High School with a GPA of 96.19. Layla will be attending Binghamton University majoring In Biochemistry and a minor in French.

Monday Night Dinners



We continue to serve over 250 meals every Monday night. The need for food in our area is growing constantly and our volunteer staff works tirelessly to provide a quality meal for everyone. We are always looking for volunteers to cook for one of our dinners, if you have a passion for cooking for large groups, please let us know.

Many of you may not realize that our dinners are dependent on donations from businesses and people in the community. The Church does not fund this mission, if you feel like donating, you can write a check to the Church putting Monday Night Dinner in the memo.

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.





TOGETHER IN PRAYER in 2024

Everyone is invited to join 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.

May we ALL join our spirits and truly be:

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

HIICAP

(Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program)

What is HIICAP?

Provides Medicare Insurance counseling program for Broome County residents

Offers screening and assistance with financial savings programs

For more information contact:

LeAnn Keim
HIICAP Coordinator
Actions for Older Persons
Suite 11
Endicott, NY 13760
Office: (607) 722-1251
www.actionforolderpersons.org

Check out Pastor Mark’s May 26th Encounter program, with LeAnn Keim, on the Broome County Council of Churches website. At www.broomecouncil.net.



VINES

VINES FARM SHARE

****Every Wednesday****

4:00 PM-6:00 PM

from June 19th - October 30th

SIGN UP BY GOING TO- farmshare@vinesgardens.org



June 2

Patti Anderson
Art Newcomb

June 9

Judy and Tom Pass
Sara Jo Kukowski

June 16

Georgia Tamblyn
Betty Kasprzak

June 23

Steve Johnson
Paula Johnson

June 30

Anita VanWinkle
Dale McGlynn

Upcoming Events



1st Wisdom Exchange Class
Sunday June 2nd after Worship
Fellowship Hall

Computer & Technology
Basics – Q&A

1st Computer Hardware
Collection

Sunday June 2nd after Worship

Entrance to Fellowship Hall



Breakfast

Men of all ages are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 8th at 8:00am at the Union Diner. Plan on attending for good food and good conversation as men of all ages are welcomed.



DOZIG'S
FISH FRIG
TO GO

Baked Goods Are Needed!

"BAKE SALE"

Baked Goods Are Needed!

SATURDAY, JUNE 22ND
11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Upcoming Events

BINGHAMTON RUMBLE PONIES

VS

PORTLAND SEA DOGS



Thursday, June 27, 2024 6:35 pm (gates open at 5:30pm)

Tickets are \$11.00/person and are available in the church office

SMOKEY LEGEND BBQ

The Church will be holding several Smokey Legend BBQ's this summer and fall. The dates are:

Saturday, July 20th from 11:00am-2:00pm

Friday, August 16th from 4:00pm-7:00pm

Saturday, September 28th from 11:00am-2:00pm

Menu items include:

Beef Brisket Sandwich (\$11.00) or Meal* (\$16.50)

Pulled Pork Sandwich (\$7.50) or Meal* (\$12.00)

Sliced Chicken Breast Sandwich (\$7.50) or Meal* (\$12.00)

Supreme Sampler Meal* (\$15.50)

Meal come with 2 sides: BBQ Beans, Coleslaw, Macaroni & Cheese, or Salt potatoes



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

MONDAY, JUNE 3, 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!!!!

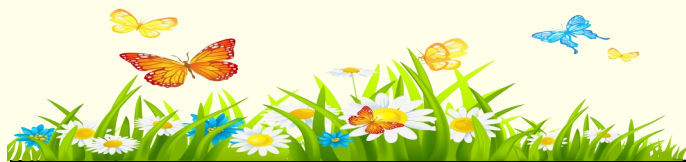


TWIGS Bottle & Can Drive

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.



The Grove is collecting spare change! Our mission is to give back to our local community by offering to pay for laundry at local laundromats. Volunteers will be heading out to pay for washing and drying as well as providing Tide pods and dryer sheets. Each person will receive a little card with a Bible verse and "Let us help lighten your load"-Your Friends at the EUMC. This is open to anyone who comes to do laundry. If you would like to donate your spare change, please put it in the Tide Bucket in the Welcome Center! The collection will be ongoing.



JUNE 2024



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						1 8:00am-1:00pm Parking Lot Sale 6:00pm Hispanic Worship
2 Holy Communion 10:00 am Worship/CC 11:15 am Laotian Worship Coffee Hour Kindness IT NY exchange 7:00pm BRIO Concert	3 8:30 am Mobile Food Bank 3:00 pm Lord's Table	4 10:00 am Prayer Group	5	6 7:15 pm Choir (Last rehearsal until Fall)	7 11:00am George Stasko Funeral	8 8:00am Men's Breakfast 6:00pm Hispanic Worship
9 College Scholarships 10:00 am Worship/CC 11:15 am Laotian Worship Coffee Hour VBS Training—TWIGS	10 3:00 pm Lord's Table	11 10:00 am Prayer Group 6:00 pm VBS Training	12 5:00pm Garden Club	13	14	15 6:00 pm Hispanic Worship
16 Father's Day—Baptism New Members 10:00 am Worship/CC 11:15 am Laotian Worship Coffee Hour	17 3:00 pm Lord's Table	18 10:00 am Prayer Group 6:00pm EPS Graduation—FH 6:00 pm Meeting Night 7:00 pm Ad Council	19 Office Closed Noon Parkinson Group 4:00pm-6:00pm VINES	20	21	22 11:00am-6:00pm Doug's FF/Bake Sale 6:00 pm Hispanic Worship
23 Children's Church Celebration Sunday 10:00 am Worship/CC 11:15 am Laotian Worship EUMC Church picnic VBS Set up 30 10:00am Worship	24 3:00 pm Lord's Table	25 10:00 am Prayer Group	26 4:00 pm-6:00 pm VINES	27 UM Night Rumble Ponies	28	29 6:00 pm Hispanic Worship

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