

## **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,

As our children, youth and young adults prepare to return to school and college, the fall months ahead usher us into a new rhythm of life, and our church life is no different. September launches our Children's Church program, TWIGS Youth Group, Endwell Pre School, Adult/Youth Choir, Adult Study Group, Monday Night Lord's Table In Person dining, Year #2 of our Hispanic Ministry, along with all our Conference and District reporting, as we shape our ministry into a new year!

As we move boldly forward together, I remind us of our membership vows that we proclaimed before God, and the faith community, which were, ***To uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.*** May we ponder each:

1. **Please pray unceasingly for this ministry!** Pray that we might live out God's will, as Christ's Church, and do so in the spirit of cooperation, collaboration, intentionality, joy and love. Pray that God might find us faithful as we do the work we are called to do.
2. **Please strive to be present in this ministry.** This is the call to be physically, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally present to the best of our abilities and schedules. There is no doubt that we are better, stronger, and more passionate, together, than apart.
3. **Please share the gifts God has given to grow this ministry.** God's gifts come in many diverse shapes and sizes, and our call is to share them with the world. Whether it be our skills, talents, or treasures, pray that we might offer them freely to the One that offers them freely to each of us.
4. **Please discern ways to better serve the needs of this ministry.** I recently read that, *"Healthy churches stop doing things, so that, better things might happen."* Might we all reassess/assess our service so that our work together might be more effective, efficient, relevant and impactful.
5. **Please strive to be the very best witness for this ministry.** Our thoughts, words, interactions and involvement all tell the story of this work we do together. At times we struggle, become frustrated, feel broken and alone, but our witness is that God is always there to encourage and empower All his children. What an awesome story to share! What an amazing ministry to live!

## Children's Ministry Mission

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



**Children's Church** will resume on September 8<sup>th</sup>. This weekly program for kid's Pre-K -5<sup>th</sup> grade is held during worship following the children's sermon from 10:15 – 11:00am. Our Curriculum this year is called Ministry to Kidz – our goal is to help kids fall in love with Jesus and discover what it means to follow him! 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](http://www.rootedateumc.org)



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. The TWIGS Youth Group will resume in the fall under the new leadership of Mr. Aaron Bennett.

### TWIGS

Teens Walking  
Gods Spirit

I'm excited to announce that 14 youth will be participating in an 8-week Confirmation Program beginning Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. In the United Methodist Church

Confirmation is a significant step in our faith journey and marks the first time a baptized Christian publicly "confirms" their intention to live the vows of their baptism and become a member of the congregation. The curriculum is called Talk sheets to Confirm the Faith of your Teenagers. This study focuses on two guiding principles: #1 Faith is essentially caught not taught and #2 Through the work of the Holy Spirit faith is established when teens are engaged in real conversations "so that" belief can be discovered, expressed and lived out. Classes will be held on Sunday mornings during the Children's Church hour from 10:15 -11:15am. We will kick off with a breakfast gathering with confirmands and parents on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 9am followed by our first-class during worship. These classes will run until Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>. On Sunday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, the confirmands will light the candle of Hope and serve communion. Confirmation Sunday will be held the following week on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the confirmation class of 2024 in prayer as they take this step in their faith journey. Blessings, Lynne [www.rootedateumc.org/confirm2024](http://www.rootedateumc.org/confirm2024)



Cassidy Huff, Maddie Gorman, Alaina Querrie, Grady & Emma Skorupa, Oliver & Nicholas Stewart, Lola Rose Czeitner, Jacob & Ali Denman, Levi Shoudy, Emalene & Eleanor Snyder and Emilia Pellerito.

### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM ASSOCIATE PASTOR.

*“Elders are like the roots of the tree. They hold the family firmly at all times and make them strong. They are the ideal mentor for all people from the experiences they have accumulated over the years. Elderly people are blessing for all of us.” (Mark Jenkins)*

To improve the quality of our visitation and service for our Seniors, we are looking for people who have a heart and compassion for Senior ministry here at Endwell UMC. We want to form and organize a visitation team. This team is called “**Friend**”, and the responsibility of this team is to visit the Seniors at their home, or at the group homes, one time per month. Our team will then meet one time per month for a round table discussion, share ideas, write cards, and pray for our Seniors.

If the Lord our God has laid this ministry in your heart, I would love to hear from you. Please contact me at Email: [Seanchanthasone@gmail.com](mailto:Seanchanthasone@gmail.com) or Phone: (607) 237- 4565. Thank you so much and looking forward to hear from you.

### BIBLE STUDY

The fall adult study will be **Dare to Dream - Creating A God-Sized Mission Statement for Your Life.** This is a DVD-book study by Pastor Mike Slaughter. We will meet Thursdays, September 19-October 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m., in the White Room.

The July Conference "Praying Together" theme, Courage to Dream, and the weekly breath prayers started me seriously thinking about the deeper implications of God's dream. This led me to review Rev. Mike Slaughter's materials and desire to use this study.

You are invited to join this study by contacting Anita Van Winkle, [dvanwinkle48@yahoo.com](mailto:dvanwinkle48@yahoo.com) or 607-304-0707.

# *CHURCH NEWS*

The Staff Parish Relations Committee has recommended, and the Administrative Council has approved the hiring of Aaron Bennett as our new Director of Youth Ministries. Aaron interviewed with the SPRC on Thursday, July 25, 2024 and the Council approved the recommendation with unanimous approval on July 27th.

Aaron has a solid faith foundation, has worked with youth and community in a variety of programs, coaches youth sports and is a substitute teacher in the Vestal School District.

He has certification to cover Safe Sanctuary training and has already completed the Criminal Records Check.

He was formally introduced to the church family on Sunday, August 25th .

*WELCOME AARON!*

## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL NEWS

**FINANCE**—DOWN ABOUT \$10,000 YTD

**TRUSTEES**— St. Pauly shed is being broken into and people are sleeping and using fire in the shed **VOTED** —to have shed removed

**GROVE/MISSION** - parking lot sale 9/28, Fellowship time snack sign-up, will continue-Laundry mission, Trunk or Treat 10/31, Ugly Sweater party 12/6 Christmas Tea 12/15

**MULTI-CULTURAL MINISTRY** - 1 year anniversary—had a party on 8/24 to celebrate

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH AND YOUTH MINISTRY** - ready to go in September—Lynne will be teaching the confirmation class

**ENDWELL PRESCHOOL**—preparing for a new year—have signed up 2's, 3's and UPK are set to start!

**LAY LEADERSHIP** - began their work on August 27th, report to follow

# Monday Night Dinners

After much prayer and discernment, your leadership has decided to return to in-person dining beginning September 9th. The new hours will also be:

Doors open at 4:00pm

Serve meals from 4:15pm-5:15pm

Everyone will exit the building no later than 5:30pm.

The reason for this change is recognizing that our present model is becoming financially unsustainable. Since the end of Covid, Federal Grants and donations from local businesses has dried up considerably, and the cost of food and take out containers has risen substantially. However, we will continue delivering take out meals to our church members who are shut in, as this continues to be a valuable ministry in staying connected with them.

A letter to all those blessed by this ministry went out on Monday, July 15, when they picked up their meals. This allowed them nearly 2 months to prepare for this change.

While this process is changing, the mission remains the same, which is ***to do all the good we can, by all the means we can, in all the ways we can, in all the places we can, at all the times we can, to all the people we can, as long as we can***”, John Wesley.



The Lord's Table Monday Night Dinner Ministry is looking for a volunteer(s) to cook on the first Monday of each month. Training, orientation, and support will be provided. Filling this role on the first Monday of each month is vital for this ministry to continue. If God might be calling you, please see Pastor Mark, Dave Alexander, Howard Champlain or call the church office.



### **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](http://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**



*Dear Church Family - thank you so much for raising the money for me to go to church camp, it was an amazing experience and I met lots of new friends. I am so thankful that I got to go, learn about God and Jesus. I had so much fun. Thank you again. Love, Emalene Snyder*

**BIRTHRIGHT OF BINGHAMTON**— IS IN NEED SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS. If interested please call (607) 798-7661, they are located at 609 E. Main Street, Endwell, NY 13760

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH FALL MEETING** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28th at the Blue Dolphin Restaurant in Apalachin at 9:00 am. Cost for breakfast is \$5.00 . Please contact Nancy Green if you are interested in attending.



## **VINES**

**VINES FARM SHAR**

**\*\*Every Wednesday\*\***

**4:00 PM-6:00 PM**

**from June 19th - October 30th**

**In the church parking lot**

***SIGN UP for a weekly box of local vegetables  
BY GOING TO- [farmshare@vinesgardens.org](mailto:farmshare@vinesgardens.org)***

## **GREETERS**



### **September 1**

Patti Anderson  
Art Newcomb

### **September 8**

Judy and Tom Pass  
Sara Jo Kukowski

### **September 15**

Georgia Tamblyn  
Betty Jo Kasprzak

### **September 22**

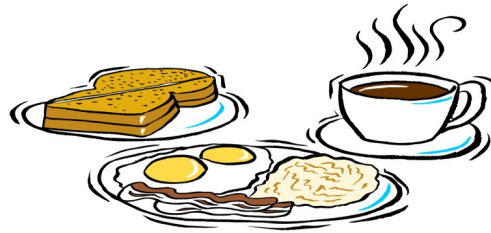
Steve Johnson  
Paula Johnson

**September 29**  
Anita VanWinkle  
Dale McGlynn

# Upcoming Events

## Breakfast

Men of all ages are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, September 14th at 8:00am at the Queen's Diner, on Washington Ave, Endicott. Plan on attending for good food and good conversation as men of all ages are welcomed.



**DOUG'S**  
**FISH FRY**  
**TO GO**



Baked Goods –  
GARDEN CLUB

&  
**“BAKE SALE”**

Baked Goods –  
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**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH**

**11:00 AM – 6:00 PM**



# Upcoming Events



## **SMOKEY LEGEND BBQ**

**Sunday, September 29th from 11:00pm-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, OCTOBER 7, 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.

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**September 2024 JOURNEY**