

## **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 was struck with wonder and awe, hearing Rev. Dr. Warren Gene Campbell, on Sunday, September, 15th, speak of the legacy this church has left on his life. He shared being a young boy playing on the church grounds with his buddies and how thankful he was to be supported, encouraged, edified and accepted by a caring community of faith. His witness leads me to ask, "What legacy is each of us, through this ministry, leaving the next generation?"

This can be a heart-wrenching, challenging and difficult question to answer. As our children sit on the steps for children's time, do we wonder what impact we each have in their lives? As our youth walk by us on Sunday, do we think about ways to interact with them as they make their way through that most difficult time in life?

So the reality we must discern, is how will they remember each of us, individually and corporately? Will they remember us as aloof, absent, easily angered, dismissive, or judgmental, or will their memories of us be that of truly caring, intensely passionate, disciplined by faith, lovingly inclusively, physically engaged, intentionally present, and gracefully persevering?

Over 50 years has passed and I still remember the stalwarts of faith that shaped my life as a young child and youth. Their example taught me that relationships trump agendas, anger toward one another can always be softened, and the witness of faith shows up when times are difficult.

The unfortunate reality is that the church, that formed and fashioned my faith, closed 20 years ago. Poor leadership, in fighting, personal agendas and waning commitment, closed the doors to one of the largest United Methodist congregations in the Conference. Now as children play in the parking lot and community youth walk by our campus, what will be our legacy? How will they describe the impact it had on their life?

I share this, to instill in each of us, that this gift of the Endwell United Methodist Church comes with the tasks of responsibility, intentionality and perseverance, ***so that***, our legacy will always be a witness to the love and light of Jesus in our community and world. So I ask, "You in?"

## Children's Ministry Mission



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



2024

**Children's Church** is held each week for kid's Pre-K -5<sup>th</sup> grade 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.rootedatsumc.org](http://www.rootedatsumc.org)



**Sunday Oct. 6-Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Class 2024** I'm excited to announce that 17 youth will be participating in an 8-week Confirmation Class that will begin on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> and Confirmed on Sunday Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep the confirmation class of 2024 in prayer as they take this step in their faith journey. During these 8 weeks, small white mailboxes and a list of confirmands will be on the back table in the Sanctuary if you would like to write a note of encouragement or supply a small gift such as bookmarks, key chains, backpack tags etc. Thanks, Lynne

Cassidy Huff, Maddie Gorman, Alaina Querrie, Grady & Emma Skorupa, Oliver & Nicholas Stewart, Lola Rose Czeitner, Jacob & Ali Denman, Levi Shoudy, Emalene & Eleanor Snyder, Evan Ricci, Emilia Pellerito, Charolette & Caroline Yonkoski



**Sunday Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – Bible Sunday** Children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and above will be receiving their Bibles. Bible Sunday is a special day in the life of a child that we celebrate to remind us of the central role that the Bible plays in our Christian Faith and practice.



**Thursday Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> - Trunk or Treat** This is a safe and fun family event with over 600 in attendance. We ask everyone who attend to wear kid friendly costumes. Donations of individually wrapped candy and Trunk Treaters are needed. Candy can be dropped off at the church between now and the event. Trunk Treaters are asked Sign -up and arrive by 3:45pm and provide treats to start. Donated candy will be replenished during the event. Please sign up or let Lynne know so we can prepare accordingly.



Administrative Council  
**Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**  
**September 17, 2024**

**Attendance:** Nancy Green, Mark Kimpland, Jim Marean, Dave Alexander, John Swezey, Sean Chathasone, Jim Short, Aaron Bennett, Darlene Darrow, Carrie Kay, Anita VanWinkle, Lynne Kimpland, Sharon Fischer, Donna Halbert, Beth Strong

**Opening Devotion: Sharon Fischer**

St. Pauly's Clothing Shed – we will work with St. Pauly's for another month to secure the shed before removing it

**Committee Reports**

**Finance** – the church needs to plan for the next several years facility expenses. Over the past 11 years we have spent between 700k-800k on our building, and we need to generate income to cover future expected/unexpected expenses.

**Trustees** – there is a crack in the fellowship hall floor that will be assessed. We passed the fire inspection by the Town of Union.

**SPRC** – compensation packages for the pastors were presented; passed

**Grove/Missions** – no report

**Associate Pastor** – Pastor Sean has been involved with several of the members of the Pastoral Care Team.

**Multi-Cultural Ministry** – completing the application for the Hispanic Ministry budget for 2025

**Children's Church** – 20 at Children's Church – Confirmation class will start on October 6 with 14 youth.

**Youth Ministry** – 13 youth attended the kickoff – brainstormed ideas for future activities

**Endwell Preschool** – classes have started and are off to a great start in the 2024-25 school year

**Lay Leadership** – working on filling the committee positions for 2025

**Worship** – Our District Superintendent, Rev. Bob Kolvik-Campbell will be coming to worship Sept. 29

Next Meeting: October 15, 2024

Devotion: John Swezey

# NEW HANDCHIME GROUP

*Donna Halbert*



## NEW HANDCHIME GROUP

Have you wanted to participate in a musical group at church, but didn't know how?

I am starting a "Daytime Handchime" group for all of you people that don't want to drive at night!

- No musical experience necessary
- We will teach you everything you need to know
- If you can read words, you can ring handchimes
- No long-term commitment
- Two rehearsals—**Wednesday, Oct. 23rd and 30th (10-11AM)**
- Play for communion on Nov. 3rd

I can use 7-14 or more ringers, everyone is welcome, any age 10-110.

Sign up on the clipboard at the back of the church or email Donna at [halbertdo@aol.com](mailto:halbertdo@aol.com)

## HANDBELL CHOIR STARTING REHEARSALS

Rehearsals will begin on **Wednesday, Oct. 23rd at 6:30-7:15pm** for the EUMCHandbell Choir.

We always welcome new members!

This choir does require members to read music and play basic musical rhythms.

As in any "team sport" we do ask that members attend rehearsals consistently.

We are in need of 10 ringers

Our first semester goals are to prepare music and play in church on:

- Sunday, November 17th
- Sunday, December 15th
- Tuesday, December 24th (Christmas Eve) at the 7pm service

Email Donna if you have any questions. [halbertdo@aol.com](mailto:halbertdo@aol.com)

# PRESCHOOL NEWS

The Endwell Preschool has had a wonderful start to the 2024-2025 school year. We are excited to welcome a new class called **Caregiver + Me 2's** which meets on Mondays. A parent/guardian is invited to attend preschool with his/her child in the morning. It is a great opportunity for parents to meet one another and to introduce the child to preschool. The **Smart Play 3's** class also opened from Tuesday through Friday mornings. Both programs are offered by **Mrs. Sharon Bligh**. Mrs. Bligh has two children in the Vestal School District and has many years of experience teaching and supervising teachers of preschool children. Her assistant **Mrs. Tiffany Ashman** is a Maine Endwell CSD parent and has a daughter in our UPK program. The UPK Program meets Monday through Friday mornings and afternoons is taught by our **Director Beth Strong**. Beth is also a Maine-Endwell CSD parent. This is her second year as director, and she has done a great job restructuring the program. She is assisted by **Mrs. Jessica Signorelli** who is also a Maine-Endwell CSD parent, and **Alaena Sullivan** who was our lunch monitor last year and moved up to the UPK assistant position. The lunch monitor position is now held by **Teri Luhrs**, a Maine-Endwell parent as well. We have openings in the **Caregiver and Smart Play programs**, so please do not hesitate to refer friends and family members to **Beth Strong via email at [endwellpreschool2022@gmail.com](mailto:endwellpreschool2022@gmail.com)**

I continue as President of the Endwell Preschool Board, but would like to step down this year. If you have any interest in assuming that role, please do not hesitate to contact me at [darlened226@gmail.com](mailto:darlened226@gmail.com). The board and staff thank the church family and leaders again for their continued support. Our preschool makes a difference in the lives of children and our community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darlene Darrow



### 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



### 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, [dvanwin-48@yahoo.com](mailto:dvanwin-48@yahoo.com) or 607-304-0707.

# Tech Team News



Our current Sunday Tech Team Members are:

Ken Anderson, Pete Hatton, Dave Alexander,

Donna Halbert, Mark Miner, Steve Borne, Barry Bonitz

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or suggestions!

We are always looking for others to help on our team. If you want to learn something new and help just once per month please let Ken Anderson know @ [kanderson1199@gmail.com](mailto:kanderson1199@gmail.com). We also have special projects occasionally installing new hardware or testing after software updates.

We are currently evaluating installing 2 large monitors for the back half of the church so that those in the back have a better view of what's happening up front. More to come!

We recently obtained Non-profit licensing for the CANVA tool that helps with web graphics and Facebook ad development. If you would like to help us and have some creative ability we can give you access to a license. Also if you have CANVA skills you may be able to teach some of us.



Schools Back! (even for us adults)

**Join us for your favorite topics in one of our EUMC Wisdom Exchanges.**

Ask our Panel of Experts questions about topics that everyone cares about. Share your knowledge as well.

**These events will be held immediately after Sunday Worship during fellowship time in the Fellowship Hall. All ages welcome.**

**Our Next Scheduled Events are as follows!**

**Sun Oct 13th - Technology Security and Fraud Prevention**

**We hope everyone can participate - bring your own story**

**Sun Nov 10th - Online Shopping - including SHOP.COM updates Prepare for the Holidays and learn to save.**

After the first of the year, we will kick off with some Healthy Living topics.





LADIES

# Christmas

# TEA

**Table Hosts**  
**Sign Ups to start**  
**Nov. 3**

DECEMBER 15, 2024  
2-4

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## 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**



## **VINES**

**VINES FARM SHAR**

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

**4:00 PM-6:00 P M**

**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)***

# Upcoming Events

**Human Rights Day, "Act Justly"**, Friday, October 4th, from 10:00am-Noon @ Conklin Presbyterian Church,  
1175 Conklin Rd., Conklin, NY. (Parking and entrance is at the South end)



**DOZIG'S**  
**FISH FRIG**  
**TO GO**



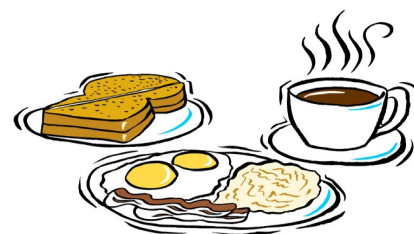
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**“BAKE SALE”**

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**  
**11:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

Men of all ages are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, October 12th at 8:00am at the Union Diner, on Main Street, Endicott. Plan on attending for good food and good conversation as men of all ages are welcomed.



# Upcoming Events

## *DINING FOR DOLLARS*

**Thursday, October 17th @ The Riverdale is the 18th annual, Faith in Action, Dining for Dollars**, sponsored by the Broome County Council of Churches. Pastor Mark & Pastor Sean will be your servers for the evening. Reservations need to be to the office by October 7th. The cost is \$40.00/person.



## *FALL NEWCOMER'S CLASS*

The Fall Newcomer's Class will be held on Tuesday October 22nd, from 6:30-8:00pm. This is a wonderful time to meet others, ask questions concerning this ministry, and perhaps begin to discern where God might be calling you to serve. Call the office to reserve your spot.



# Upcoming Events



On Thursday, October 31 our Church will be holding its annual **Trunk or Treat** event from 4:00-6:00pm. There will be a basket by the visitors center for Church members to be able to donate bags of candy for the event as we always run out of candy. On the counter of the visitors center there will be a sign up sheet for those Church members willing to decorate their cars and pass out candy. This is a safe event for the children in our community.

## *GREETERS*



### October 6

Tom Bushnell  
Joyce Atherton

### October 13

Judy and Tom Pass  
Sara Jo Kukowski

### October 20

Patti Anderson  
Art Newcomb

### October 27

Georgia Tamblyn  
Betty Jo Kasprzak



## 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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**October 2024 JOURNEY**