

## **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 we enter a New Year, my prayer is that the advent candles of hope, peace, joy and love will burn bright within us as we share the "Light of the Word", with others. May we enter 2025 with the Kingdom of God in our heart and live as it is so, with mercy, justice, compassion and forgiveness.

As I live my last 6 months with you as Pastor, my heart is both excited and saddened. I am eager to see where God leads each of us, individually, and as the Body of Christ. I move forward assured that this pastoral transition will bring the gifts of new creativity, passion, ideas, leadership and partnership to this ministry. God will be leading our Bishop and Cabinet, toward the right leader, for the right time, with the right gifts and graces for this ministry!

I would be disingenuous if I denied that my heart aches a bit also. My, what will be, 12 years alongside you, has provided the blessings of disappointments and accomplishments, sadness and joy, brokenness and wholeness, and times of uhhh and awe! This is exactly what life as a disciple of Jesus should be, so thank you!

I have been intentional to clear the deck of many of my conference, district and community responsibilities so that I might better be present, for you, and myself, over the next six months. I am not completely equipped to step away from 40 years of ministry, and all that entails, but I do know that I want to be fully present, in all the moments ahead.

So may we journey together, spirit to spirit, with The Spirit, into this new time filled with both uncertainty and opportunity, which is exactly what life as a disciple of Jesus should be.....

Boldly forward together,

Pastor Mark



## **Electronic Giving**

**Want to support our Ministry?**

It is easy to give electronically and reduces costs for the Church

Use your smartphone to follow the QR Code

Call the office if you need help



## CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS

On Sunday, December 29, 2024, the new Children's Ministries Directors were introduced to the congregation. Church members Lois Blight and Jenn Potter are teachers in local schools, have taught in Children's Church and Vacation Bible School, provided leadership in other children and youth events and outreach, served on church committees, and are involved in community programs. They have dedicated their lives and gifts in serving God and children. They have been meeting with retiring Lynne Kimpland to continue the love and strong faith foundation for Endwell's children.

## TRUSTEES



The Trustees are now heating the entire Church with our ductless units. We are looking for several Church members to clean the filters on a monthly basis, this involves climbing a small step ladder and removing the filters, washing them before they get put back into the units. If you can help please let the office know.

January 2025

Dear Friends,

I am writing to ask for your financial support of our missions to feed those in need. We have provided a hot meal every Monday for the past 29 years to those individuals who are in need of food. We have delivered hot meals to individuals who are homebound, providing them with a friendly face and a wellness check on a weekly basis.

As we enter the year 2025, our numbers continue to increase as the need for food never stops. One in eight people in Broome County do not know where their next meal will come from. Our goal is to continue to provide a hot meal to those who are in need and to expand our delivery of meals to those individuals who are homebound. We also would like to reach out to the individuals living in tent cities by the river.

This vital mission is quite costly to accomplish and we ask that you consider financially supporting our goal to feed those in need. Your support of our mission to feed those in need is greatly appreciated.

Blessings in the New Year,

Dave Alexander  
Coordinator



## **MONDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

We are looking to form teams for each Monday of the month, we need four people to serve, two people to hand out drinks and two people to hand out desserts. The hours are 3:30-6:00pm. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out please call the Church office and let us know what Monday you can help out.

# Upper New York helps bring Christmas miracles to Red Bird Mission

*December 10, 2024 / By UNY Communications / **Email***

Every Christmas season, Red Bird Mission in Kentucky becomes a center of generosity and compassion, uniting people from across the country to bring holiday cheer to families in need. Volunteers and church groups, including those from Upper New York, work tirelessly to provide gifts, food, and a message of hope that embodies the spirit of the season. Their collective efforts create lasting moments of joy for children and their families, extending far beyond the holidays.

**Red Bird Mission**, located in the heart of Appalachia, has been serving the people of southeastern Kentucky for over 100 years. The organization provides critical support to communities in Bell, Clay, and Leslie counties, addressing both immediate and long-term needs. Programs include education, healthcare, community outreach, and economic development, all aimed at improving the quality of life for families in the region.

At the heart of this year's effort is the arrival of two U-Haul trucks carrying 2,500 shoeboxes packed by church groups throughout Upper New York. Each box is filled with essentials like personal hygiene items, toys, school supplies, and bedding. These gifts represent months of planning, organizing, and fundraising by the UNY community.

Tracy Nolan, Red Bird Mission's Community Outreach Director, praised the efforts of Dave Alexander and the UNY church groups. "I am only one piece to the bigger picture; it is all of us uniting together with a mission. Dave Alexander deserves the recognition for his devotion to helping Red Bird Mission, and without his collaboration with various church groups, this [shoebox donation]

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The shoeboxes, along with additional gifts such as twin beds, mattresses, and 100 pairs of shoes donated by [Soles 4 Souls](#), are being distributed during December. Tracy highlighted the purpose behind the effort, saying, “These church groups are helping us in our mission to reach and impact more people. I want our community to remember the reason for the season. It is not about the gifts. It is about God and serving our community; giving them hope.”

Additional holiday contributions included hams and turkeys, ensuring families have meals to enjoy together.

The work of Red Bird Mission continues well beyond the holiday season, addressing both immediate and ongoing needs in the community. Family Ministries Coordinator Candace Collins reflected on the mission’s year-round impact, saying, “We collect these donations all year round for our people, not only for Christmas. Whether it's giving them food or a blanket, if I can help just one person, that means everything to me.”

To support Red Bird Mission and its life-changing programs, visit [Red Bird Mission Giving Page](#).



Thank you so much for your generous help! It will go to great use. I got back to NY yesterday (Dec. 19th) and this was in that day's mail. We are here for 2 weeks, then going back. So far, we have no power still, walking on plywood, walls all cut up. Things are moving very, very slow. We need all new appliances, cabinets, etc. The good news is we got our permit, most people in the park haven't been able to get one yet.

It's a long haul, but we will get through this!!

Thank you so much! Love, Sherry Barton

Dear Endwell United Methodist Church family,

Thank you for your generosity and all of the delicious snacks! I appreciate the college goodie box while away at college—it's very thoughtful!

Love, Carly Kirtland

Dear Endwell United Methodist Church and Pastor Kimpland

Thank you so much for once again lending your warm and caring church as the setting of our Christmas concert and for our dress rehearsals. What a joy to be able to celebrate Christ's birth with song at your beautiful church! Wishing all of you a very blessed Christmas and New Year. —

your Friends at Brio Vocal Ensemble



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

Ask our Panel of Experts questions about topics that every one 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 Event is!

**Sunday, January 19, 2025—Topic: Health & Wellness**

## *GREETERS*



**January 5**

Tom Bushnell  
Joyce Atherton

**January 12**

Patti Anderson  
Art Newcomb

**January 19**

Georgia Tamblyn  
Betty Jo Kasprzak

**January 26**

Steve Johnson  
Paula Johnson



# Upcoming Events



## **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

**THURSDAY JANUARY 2, 2025**

**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!!!!

## **LADIES LUNCH**



A Ladies lunch will be held on Thursday, January 9th at the Union Diner, on Main Street, Endicott, at 12:00pm. Please plan to attend for “food” and “fellowship”



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Our Brooks Chicken Bar-B-Q's are returning and the next date is set for Friday, January 10, 2025 beginning at 3:00pm, until sold out. Pre Sale tickets are highly encouraged and can be purchased at our website or through the church office. **We request all presale dinners be picked up by 5:00pm.** Let's make this a great event and promote this through social media and invite family and friends to support this event. We ask that all presale orders be picked up by 5:00pm.



Men of all ages are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, January 11th 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.



**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11TH**

**11:00 AM – 6:00 PM**

**NO BAKE SALE**

# Upcoming Events

## MEETING NITE

*Tuesday, January 21st*

6:00pm

SPRC, Finance, Missions

7:00pm

Administrative Council – Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing 2025 Event!



Ongoing bottle  
drive for  
T.W.I.G.S.  
Youth Group

Drop off on  
Sundays or during  
the week.



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**January 2025 JOURNEY**