#### 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 I begin to live into my last full month as your Pastor, I am keenly aware that only (7) Sundays remain, as my final Sunday will be June 15th. This time has been met with a myriad of emotions. While I am excited to live into the next chapter of my life, there is also sadness and uncertainty in navigating the end of 40 years in local church ministry.

Since the beginning of the year, my main focus has been transitional assuring that the mission continues to flourish. I am now experiencing this transition in warp speed. An important part of this transition is understanding my role beginning July 1, 2025, so, with grace and humility, I share the following expectations and realities <u>in which I expect all to embrace</u>:

\*From June 16-June 30, I will be on vacation and Pastor Sean will take care of the day to day needs. Our brother Jim Short will lead worship on June 22 and Pastor Sean will lead worship on June 29. I will be available for emergencies, <u>only if needed</u>, over those (2) weeks in which Pastor Nancy moves into the parsonage and office.

\*Beginning, July 1st, Rev. Nancy Adams becomes your Senior Pastor. This means that I will no longer officiate weddings or funerals beyond June 30th, or attend Sunday morning worship. This is a very important transitional covenant to embrace and understand. With every pastoral change, the new Pastor immediately assumes the Pastoral role and should expect the former Pastor to honor that transition completely and without reservation. <u>I want to be very clear</u> that I will honor this covenant in every way.

\*Between now and July 1st, Pastor Nancy will be meeting with key leaders and staff to foster relationships and discuss roles and responsibilities. I also plan to meet with Rev. Adams several more times and make myself available to her as she begins her tenure, as she deems necessary.

With all this said, rest assured that everything is in place for continued growth and vibrant lifechanging ministry. As Pastor Nancy plans to begin moving in the week of June 16th, I know you will welcome her with open arms which inherently paves the way for my departure, in which I find peace. My hope and expectation is that with grace, you will do the same.....

You are Loved! Pastor Mark

### Children's Ministry and TWIGS Youth Newsletter

Children's Ministry Mission

#### May 2025

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



**Children's Church for kid's Pre-K-5**<sup>th</sup> **grade is held during worship following the children's sermon from** approximately 10:20-11:00 am. Led by a team of dedicated teachers, children will enjoy animated videos, snacks, Bible stories, crafts, experiential activities, spiritual practices, and reflection. This month we will be launching a brand-new series called, "Heroes of the Bible." Throughout this series, kids will learn that God often uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things. In this series, we will study four "heroes" from the Bible and discover what we can learn from their successes and failures. Throughout this series, we will also encourage kids to realize that they can have these qualities in their lives as well



For more information on children's ministries visit us at kidsministry@endwellumc.org

A big thank you to all who helped make this year's Breakfast with the Bunny a huge success! We served approximately 260 people, raising funds for our upcoming VBS July 6<sup>th</sup>-July 10th. We could not have done this without you. You truly are a blessing! Thanks again for your ongoing support of children and youth ministries!

Sunday, July 6th-Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 6:00-8:30pm Ages Pre-K – 5th

#### Announcing Vacation Bible School!

y 10<sup>th</sup> The good news is, Jesus loves messy people! Whether you're 5, 45, or 105, we all have our own messes. What a Mess! VBS is about how Jesus deals with our messes, our sins, mistakes, and weaknesses. Throughout the week we will explore why the world is a messy place and how Jesus responds to our messes as well as how we respond to messy situations. All the while, we are going to have *lots* of messy fun, with messy snacks, games, crafts, and more!



#### TWIGS (Teens Walking in God's Spirit)

Our TWIGS Youth Group continues to meet weekly for activities, discussions, games and other events. Most recently, many of our Youth played a key role in helping make the Breakfast with the Bunny a success. The youth assisted with many games, arts and crafts and the egg hunt! They also

made Easter baskets with items donated from the Endwell Dollar General store and delivered them to the SILP (Semi-Independent Living Program) at the Children's Home of the Wyoming Conference. We have a few upcoming events. First will be the "Rise Against Hunger" event that will take place on May 3rd at Holy Family, beginning at 10am. We would



love to have a large group representing EUMC. The following month on June 21st will be our "Ramp It Up" project. This will be a great opportunity to put in some manual labor for a worthwhile cause. We look forward to working together to accomplish this work. In addition, with nicer weather finally here, we will plan to get outside for some games and a<sup>2</sup>group hike!



**Please join in praying for, and welcoming, the Rev. Nancy Adams**, who begins her role as your Senior Pastor on July 1st! She brings a deep spiritual sense of being, a profound love for Jesus, and all others, and a wealth of pastoral experience, in both the local church and the Superintendency.





## **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



#### **LENTEN OFFERING**

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# <u>CHURCH NEWS</u>

**High School & College Graduates**, please send your school in which you are graduating and your plans following graduation, to the office, as soon as possible. We want to include your accomplishment in our June Journey!

**Summer Camperships** are available for children and youth. If you need information regarding this ministry, please reach out to any member of the Campership Team listed below:

<u>Elizabeth Denman</u>—eliz484@yahoo.com <u>Fara Shoudy</u>—fshoudy@gmail.com <u>Kristin Snyder</u>—kristinsnyder81@gmail.com

#### Trustee report:

The Trustee's have been working hard to complete the needed work in the parsonage. All new exterior doors have been installed, a new dryer, stove and refrigerator have been purchased. Floors have been cleaned and finished and a new window treatments will be installed in the next several weeks. Special thanks to Howard and Cheryl Champlain and Patti Anderson for all the work they have done to help make the parsonage ready for Pastor Nancy.

The Trustees are working on exterior door security, key fobs have replaced the keys. Tom Scheibner and Ken Anderson are working on controlling the access to the Church by assigning times that allow the doors to be open. Many thanks to both of them for their work on this project.

# CHURCH NEWS

#### Monday Night Dinners:

We have seen an increase in the number of people attending our free community dinner, with many new faces attending. We want to thank all those who volunteer every Monday, especially those individuals who prepare the food.

Monday Night Dinners are funded thru donations by many people and by local businesses in our community.

#### Mobile Food Pantry:

Our Church is now providing food boxes to over 250 different families. We have a dedicated group of volunteers who pack up boxes and help put the boxes in cars the first Monday of every month. We are always looking for more volunteer help on this great mission. The food is coming from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

#### **Clothing Shed:**

The clothing shed has been removed due to numerous acts of vandalism and for people sleeping in the shed. For those who still want to donate clothing, you can take the items to **Central Methodist Church on Nanticoke Avenue, in Endicott.** 

#### Vines Program:

Our Church has once again been designated as a pick up site for those who place and order with VINES, you can go to the VINES website to place an order. Vines pickup are in the Church parking lot every Wednesday, 4:00-6:00pm.



I would like to thank everyone who sent emails, cards, gifts, and flowers to me for Administrative Professional Day they were all appreciated. I am so thankful to be working here and being part of this wonderful church.

Karen

# GREETERS/USHERS

#### May 4th

Betty Jo Kasprzak Georgia Tamblyn Dee and Dan Terpak (U)

#### May 18th

Anita VanWinkle Dale McGlynn Ellen Frisbie & Sharon Fischer (U)

#### <u>May 11th</u>

Steve Johnson Paula Johnson Anne and Clint Gorman (U)

#### May 25th

Tom Bushnell Joyce Atherton RoseMarie & Ken Schlock (U)





#### MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Monday, May 5, 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!!!!





A Ladies lunch will be held on Thursday, **May 8th** at the Union Diner, on Main Street, Endicott, at **12:00pm**. Please plan to attend for "food" and "fellowship"



Men of all ages are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, **May 10th at 8:00am** at the Union Diner, on Main Street, Endicott. Plan on attending food and good conservation as men of all ages are welcomed.



## 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM



# Upcoming Events



#### **Spring New Comer's Class**

Sunday, May 18th Following Worship Come, meet others and explore:

The Endwell UMC Ministry United Methodist beliefs Your spirituality and theology Please call the office to reserve your spot



RALLY FOR REMINGTON



"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10 Remington Wyse, a 6th grade student at Ross Corners Christian Academy in Vestal, NY, was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. He has made it through brain surgery, and now Remington faces the next battle: Chemotherapy.

There are significant mountains to climb, and we are committed to ensuring that Remington and his family do not face them alone. Will you join us in continuing to PRAY for Remington and the Wyse family?



#### HOW YOU CAN RALLY FOR REMINGTON:

- Pray- Prayers are powerful. Cover Remington in them!
- Give- A love offering can be given via the Go Fund Me Page or directly to Michaela via Venmo @Michaela-Wyse.
- Provide- Providing dinner for the Wyse family would be a huge blessing. You can sign up here: https://mealtrain.com/rlvdnd

# Medicaid 1115 Waivers



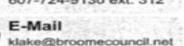
Did you know Medicaid 1115 waivers allow New York to provide new benefits to individuals, such as housing, nutrition, and care management?

#### Find out if you're eligible today!

Contact BCCC Community Health Worker Kyle Lake to set up an appointment to learn more.



Phone Number 607-724-9130 ext. 312



If you're a Medicaid recipient you may be eligible to receive assistance with:

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- Nutrition
- Housing
- Transportation

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

Drop off on Sundays or during the week.



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