

Endwell United Methodist Church

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Mission:

**To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of the world.**

Hello, Friends.

As I write this, the month of October has begun, and the National League play-offs are starting without my beloved NY Mets. Yes, sadly, “my” Mets’ imploded...

While it would have been exciting to see the Mets go all the way to win the World Series, it would not be a matter of eternal significance. Sure, it would have been fun and exciting, but in the great scheme of things, does it really matter? I’m sure if I asked the players, they would say it does, but as I said, it is not a matter of eternal significance.

Sometimes we (I) can lose focus and concentrate on things that are not of great importance. Allow me to challenge us, myself included, to focus on what DOES have eternal significance – making disciples of Jesus Christ. We don’t have to preach on a street corner to do this. Living our lives in a Christ-like manner is a witness to those around us, whether we realize it or not. As followers of Jesus, our lives are under scrutiny, especially as there is a movement of so-called Christians that spout arrogance, hatred, bigotry, white supremacy, vilifying those who are not like us, etc. None of these things bear any resemblance to the teachings of Jesus. The world needs our genuine witness, as we live out our discipleship to Jesus 7 days/week. St. Francis of Assisi said that we should preach the Gospel always, and use words if we have to... I believe what he means is that our lives should witness to our faith in Jesus. Are we perfect? Nope. But we can point those around us to the One who is. His name is Jesus. Every week in the bulletin, you see the question, “Who did you invite to worship this week?” Inviting someone to worship is a simple way to start pointing people to Jesus. It’s not the only way, but it’s a start.

I trust that my passion and devotion to Jesus is more than my passion and devotion to the Mets! My prayer for us is that we would be so loving and filled with God’s grace that we would “win” more and more people to Christ. May it be so!

With You in the Journey,

Nancy

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Please remember to call the office or Pastor Nancy or Pastor Sean when you, a family member, or someone else you know from church is in the hospital. If you are in the hospital and didn’t get visited, it’s because we didn’t know you were there. Thanks so much for your cooperation with this.



## Children's Ministry Mission

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

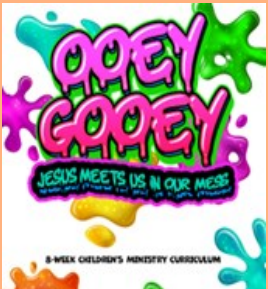
2025



## Children's Ministry Mission

Children's Church for kid's Pre-K -5th grade is held during worship following the children's sermon from 10:20 – 11:00am and will resume in the fall. 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 first unit titled "Ooey, Gooey," focuses on how we all make mistakes, and Jesus still loves us no matter the size of our mess. This unit coincides nicely

with our VBS 2025 theme "What A Mess!" The objectives in September were:

"I can be used by God even if I mess up."

"Jesus can heal painful messes."

"Jesus meets us in our messes."

"God can use messy situations for this Glory."

October objectives are:

"Jesus is willing to look messy for all of us."

"Even death is not too big of a mess for Jesus."

"Jesus can forgive the mess of our sins."

"Jesus can save us from our mess."



It has been great to  
Group as we all settle

## TWIGS— Teens Walking in God's

be back with the Youth  
into our fall schedules. We  
kicked off Twigs on Sep-

tember 7th. We welcomed some new faces into the group and enjoyed getting acquainted with them and reacquainted with returning members. We will continue to explore lessons titled: "#School as we dive deeper into our current series that focuses on "#Learning How to Think Like Jesus". Looking forward to a great month!

Some event dates for the youth out in the community include:

September 21st - our first Hiking excursion

October 4th - our 2nd "Ramp It Up" build (we participated in a build back in June). I look forward to having a great group to help serve a community member in need by building a wheelchair accessible ramp.

October 31<sup>st</sup> - 4:00-6:00 pm "Trunk or Treat"-Our youth will assist in the most important job of the evening - Re-Loaders of Candy!



### **Faith in Action : Dining for Dollars**

*Join local clergy as they serve a family style dinner and sing for tips. Enjoy musical entertainment, delicious food, appetizers made by our dedicated volunteers, a silent auction and lively conversation!*

**Thursday, October 16, 2025**

**THE RIVERDALE BANQUET HALL  
2901 Watson Boulevard**

**5:30 PM Social Hour  
6:30 PM Dinner**

**Pastor Nancy & Pastor Sean will serve you dinner and entertain you for TIPS!**

**Reserve your seat, \$40.00/pp, by October 6th**



## **Questions Jesus Asked**

by Magrey R. DeVega

Thursdays, September 25-October 30, 2025

10:00am in the Perch.

If you would like to join, please contact

Anita VanWinkle, (607) 304-0707

[dvanwinkle48@yahoo.com](mailto:dvanwinkle48@yahoo.com)

There will also be a evening Bible study on the same book, led by Pastor Nancy on the same date from 6:30-8:00pm in the Perch.

# *CHURCH NEWS*

## **Trustee report:**

A new fire panel has now been installed in the Church. If an alarm is pulled it automatically goes to the fire department, then to the call center, then to a Church representative. This will speed up the process of having the proper agency respond to our facility.

We are working on improving our door requirements to meet emergency exit code for safety. Life safety code NEPA101, 1BC, local fire codes require that a locked door must allow free egress at all times. It is hoped that this work will be completed by the end of September.

A new security panel will be installed in the office, the office will be alarmed from 9pm to 6am every day of the week. Karen will have a button at her desk that she can push if there is an immediate need for the police during the day.

On Sundays all doors will be locked except the rear sanctuary door which will be open from 8:30-1:00, fellowship door will be open from 10:50-12:00pm. Times can be changed as needed.

## **Monday Night Dinners**

As everyone knows, the Church does not fund Monday night dinners, the grants that we receive from the food bank have been cut along with the food that is available for us to purchase through them. They are also requiring all dinner sites to have one person take an eight hour class and a two hour exam in Elmira, it may come down to the fact that we no longer are partners of the food bank. CHOW is also facing a shortage of food as we are not getting very much food from them.

Last year we sent out 85 letters asking for donations from various businesses and we received 20 responses for about \$2000.00, I applied for various grants and received several back. If we don't receive the needed funds our dinners will come to an end.

## **Volunteers are needed:**

Monday Night dinner is in need of more volunteers to help with our dinners, we need someone who would like to cook once a month, someone to help run the dishwasher, someone who would like to help clean up after the dinners, if you are interested please see Howard or Dave for more details.

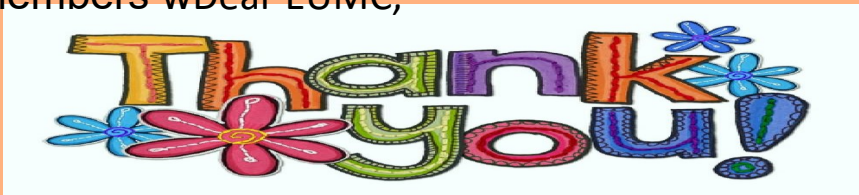
# *CHURCH NEWS*



Trunk or Treat is on **Friday, October 31st from 4:00-6:00pm**, we need people willing to bring their decorated cars and pass out candy to the children who attend. We also are collecting bags of candy starting now to help supply to supply people with additional candy to pass out. Please help us provide the youth of our community a safe Halloween experience.

## **RED BIRD MISSION**

Our Church volunteers collect shoeboxes with personal hygiene supplies, knitted scarps, blankets, sheet sets, school supplies and numerous new items. We collect from all of the Churches in the Upper New York Conference and take two 26 foot trucks to the Red Bird Mission located I n Beverly, Kentucky. The mission does not cost the Church any money, all funds come from donations from various Churches throughout the Conference. This year we have six Church members wDear EUMC,



**Thank you** so much for awarding me the Rev. Jose L. Valencia scholarship. I really appreciate you considering me for the award. The Endwell United Methodist Church has been a pivotal part in my life.. I have found a community that has shown me mentorship and how to live a life rooted in God. Thank you for everything.—**Kristen Blight**

**Thank you** to Jim and Penny Short for spreading the mulch in the play area.

To all of the United Way volunteers who worked on the Day of Caring doing jobs around the church, special thanks to Donna Halbert, Patti and Ken Anderson for supervising some of the people doing the tasks. A lot of work was accomplished in a very short time.



# ***CHURCH NEWS***



## **VINES FARM SHARE**

**\*\*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)***

## **MEETING NITE**

***Tuesday, October 21st***

**6:00pm**

**SPRC, Finance, Trustees, Missions**

**7:00pm**

**Administrative Council – Fellowship Hall**

**Administrative Council**  
**September, 16 2025UPK**  
**Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world**

**Attendance:** Nancy Adams, Nancy Green, Sean Chathasone, Anita VanWinkle, **Jen Potter**, Aaron Bennett, **Howard Champlain, Lois Blight**, Jim Short, **Joanne Howard, Jim Marean, Colleen Bourne, Carrie Kay, Dave Alexander**,

**Opening Devotion – Carrie Kay**

**New Business**

Review of 2026 Clergy Compensation Plan – motion to accept Pastor Nancy’s package Dave Alexnder  
Second Jim Short passed

Motion to accept Pastor Sean’s package Dave Alexander seconded Jim Short passed

Endwell Preschool Financing – motion to approve passed

**Old Business**

**Committee Reports**

**Finance – +\$4,300**

**Trustees – new fire panel complete; emergency doors will open as you approach**

**SPRC – see above**

**Grove/Mission – parking lot sale ready**

**Associate Pastor-** team to visit for pastoral care; 3 hospital visits; social service assistance

**Multi-Cultural Ministry –** adding to the Laotian congregation

**Children’s Ministry –** 21 children; need someone to monitor the bathrooms in the Narthex

**Youth Ministry –** 8-9 children, hiking the glen; Oct. 4 Ramp It Up

**Endwell Preschool –** UPK 17 3’s 7 soon to be 9 2’s 5

**Lay Leadership –** meeting next week

**Senior Pastor –** sign up for liturgist; Charge Conference in October



# Handbell Choir Rehearsals

Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, Oct. 8th from 6:30-7:15pm for the EUMC Handbell 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 16th
- Sunday, Dec. 14th
- Wednesday, Dec. 24th (Christmas Eve) at the 7pm service.

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

## *GREETERS/USHERS*

### October 5

Anita VanWinkle  
Dale McGlynn  
Elsa Bingel & Karen Beebe (U)

### October 19

Patti Anderson  
Art Newcomb  
Anne & Clint Gorman (U)

### October 12

Tom Bushnell  
Joyce Atherton  
Ellen Frisbie & Sharon Fischer (U)

### October 26

Steve Johnson  
Paula Johnson  
RoseMarie & Ken Schlock(U)





# Upcoming Events

## **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**

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!!!!



The Ladies lunch will be held on **October 9th at 12:00pm** at the Union Diner. Hope you can join us for “food” and “fellowship”



Men of all ages are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, **October 11th at 8:00am** at the Union Diner, on Main Street, Endicott. Plan on attending food and good conversation as men of all ages are welcome.

# Upcoming Events



SATURDAY OCTOBER 11TH

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
NO BAKE SALE

Smokey Legends BBQ

Last One for the Season

Sunday, October 19th

11:00am-2:00pm

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**October 2025 JOURNEY**