

Endwell United Methodist Church

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Mission:

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

Hello, Friends.

During this Advent season, I'd like to share an Advent Hymn with you that I've always liked. The hymn is "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus," (The UM Hymnal, #196). It is a short hymn of only two verses, written by the prolific hymn-writer, Charles Wesley.

Both verses remind us that the blessed Baby grew up to fulfill His mission, but pay close attention with me a particular phrase from verse 2:

*"Born, thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit **rule in all our hearts alone**; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne."*

Friends, what would it mean if Jesus ruled in all our hearts – **alone**? In other words, what if **only He** was the ruler of our hearts? What a different world this would be! The first part of verse 2 reminds us that Jesus was born to reign in us forever. If He alone rules in our hearts, what implications does that have for this Christmas and for the rest of our lives?

None of us knows what lies ahead in the coming days, weeks, months, or years. However, we have the blessed promise and truth (Truth) of Jesus – Emmanuel – God with us. This is not just a theological concept or a biblical construct, but the reality of our faith.

I wish you a blessed, joyous, and Christ-filled Christmas. May Jesus alone reign and rule in all our hearts. O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Christmas Blessings,

Nancy



Children's Ministry Mission

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

Children's Ministry Mission

December 2025



Children's Church for kid's Pre-K -5th grade is held during worship following the children's sermon from 10:20–11:00am. 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



Our next series is titled "Unwrapped-Revealing What God is Like." In this unit children will learn what the Bible teaches about Jesus' birth and who He is and what He is like. The objectives in December are:

- Kids will learn Kids will learn that Jesus is the Messiah God promised to send
- Kids will learn that God knows how we feel because He became human.
- Kids will learn that Jesus' forgiveness is for everyone who will believe.

Safe Sanctuary Training Update

When: Sunday, January 25th

Time: Following worship (training will last approximately 3 hours)

Where: The Perch

What: As part of the United Methodist Upper Conference of New York this is a training for those that volunteer with our children, youth and/or vulnerable adults.

Why: All are required to take Safe Sanctuaries training because it is a mandatory policy adopted by the [United Methodists of Upper New York](http://www.UMC.org) in 2011 to prevent abuse and exploitation of children, youth, and vulnerable adults within church ministries.



TWIGS Youth Ministry

It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of another year. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving. Our topic for this past month has been Friendship with our curriculum #Friends exploring how to be a friend as Jesus would. We have had some great times since the last newsletter came out. Our "Trunk or Treat" was a big success despite having to move inside due to weather. November was busy with a "Progressive Dinner" which allowed us to travel to three homes for different courses of our meal. We were blessed with being able to reconnect with Pastor Mark & Lynne for a short time as they offered to host a course. We also participated in the annual "Brown Bag Sunday". A huge thank you to everyone who donated to this cause. Our TWIGS group was able to deliver 116 brown bags full of non-perishable goods to the food pantry at Maine Federated Church. Their pantry was extremely low and the donations were much appreciated to keep them going. Afterwards we enjoyed some time together as we shared a breakfast at "Friends Diner". As we look forward to this month, we will be having some fun with our annual "White Elephant" gift exchange on the 14th. This is a fun event that always brings out some laughter with the creative gifts that our youth pick out. We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas season and a Happy New Year.



CHURCH NEWS

Trustee report:

The Trustees want to remind everyone to please be careful when walking through the parking lot this winter. Please watch out for black ice and other slippery spots on the blacktop. Attempts are made to salt the parking lot as needed.

Work has started on the replacement of the LED lights in the sanctuary, please be patient as this is a time consuming task.

Monday Night Dinners

We are trying to get donations to help fund the Monday Night Dinner for 2026 year. We are reaching out to businesses and individuals asking for their support on this vital mission. We have received \$2500.00 so far and hope to receive more in the next few weeks.

On a positive note we now have two of our volunteers who have completed the necessary training and have passed the test to become the Certified Kitchen Manager for our Church kitchen. This certification allows our Church to be a partner with the Food Bank. Over the next several months we will be posting new requirements for the use of the kitchen to help us to become compliant with the rules and regulations not only from the Broome County Health Department but also the Food Bank.

Christmas with
BRIO!
vocal ensemble
and Friends

Sun., Dec. 21, 3-4:30 p.m., at EUMC

Take a break to celebrate the birth of our Savior in music! Our concert features anthems by the 12 members of BRIO, vocal specials and instrumental solos by our guest artists on organ, harp, recorders and flute (our own Wendy Stafford), plus congregational carol singing. Craig Johnson directs and Carolyn Corse is the accompanist. *Free will offering.*

RED BIRD MISSION—

A NOTE FROM CONKLIN FORKS METHODIST CHURCH

Just a note from the Conklin Forks Methodist Church—we were finishing up packing a few more Red Bird Mission boxes on Sunday when a little 8 year old boy named Colston who was helping with his brother Maverick. All of sudden he pulled out his own wallet and pulled out \$1.00 to be used as a travel donation.



Hams: if anyone has points at one of our local grocery stores would you consider getting a ham and donating it to the Church for our Monday Night dinners. This would be an easy way to support our dinners by providing us with a ham to fix for a Christmas meal on December 22nd. We would really appreciate your help with this matter. Thank you!

EUMC MINISTRY PLAN—2026 PLEDGE STATUS UPDATE

Church Family,

Good morning to you all and hope you have a very Happy Thanksgiving next week!

What a blessing this past Sunday was with opportunity to present our 2026 commitments to our shared ministry during the service! Thank you for those that have filled out a pledge card either online or on paper.

We are off to a great start with 73 pledges received so far for \$201,000 (in 2025 we had 102 pledges for \$267,000). I know not everyone was able to attend the service Sunday and wanted to remind you on how to complete a pledge before the end of the year.

Paper pledge cards will be available in the back of the sanctuary or in the church office. Please feel free to drop a paper card in a offering box, collection plate or office.

If you would like the office to complete a pledge card for you, feel free to call Karen at 607-754-5735

To submit your investment card electronically is very easy (takes less than 60 seconds) just click on this link:

[2026 EUMC Ministry Plan Investment Pledge](#)

If you currently give electronically and would like to change your gift (or keep it the same), it is still important for the team to know by filling out this card.

Thank you for your time, talents and treasures as they are vital to doing Christ's work in our community and the world.

If you have any questions please contact the office or anyone on the finance committee!

Sincerely,

Jim Short - EUMC Finance Committee Chairperson



Dear Church family,

A note to thank you for your generous contribution of “food bags” to the CHOW pantry at the Maine Federated Church on Route 26 in Maine. Thanks to your kindness, our pantry shelves are overflowing with a wonderful variety of foods and other items (soap, toilet paper, shampoo, tooth brushes/paste etc) that will be shared with those in the area who are in need of them. A big thank you to the young people of your congregation who carried all 116 bags into the pantry! Their willingness to help this “community effort” was heart warming! They were wonderful and asked questions about the pantry itself. Our pantry is open Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-11:00am and Wednesday from 3:00-5:00pm. Thank you again for your outpouring of concern for those in need in our community, it is much appreciated!

Happy Holidays,

Bonnie Ewing,

CHOW Pantry volunteer

A special thanks to the following who spent part of their Saturday ringing the bell for the Salvation Army: Dave Alexander, Elsa Bingel, Steve and Colleen Borne, The Denman family, RoseMarie Schlock, Karen Beebe, Betty Lawton, Dale McGlynn, Penny Short, Cheryl and Howard Champlain and Pastor Nancy.

Counting Team

The Sunday Counting Team is a group of church members who are responsible for gathering up the collection each Sunday. They count the donations and prepare the bank deposit that is taken to the bank on Mondays (no complicated math required!). It takes about half an hour and each person commits to working one Sunday a month. We are currently a very small group which makes it difficult if someone is travelling or unable to attend church for any reason.

All this is an invitation to anyone in the congregation who is willing to either commit to working one Sunday per month or who would be available as a substitute when needed. If you have been looking for a way to help your church and this sounds like something you would like to do, please get in touch with the church office



BROOKS BBQ

The upcoming Brooks BBQ on Friday, December 12th is looking for volunteers to help work at the event, we need people to pack the meals, to pack the coleslaw, to work the ticket table (if it's outside), to help with traffic control and last but not least someone to volunteer to dress up as the chicken and stand by Watson Blvd. to encourage people to come and buy chicken dinners.

The Church depends very heavily on our fund raisers to help support our mission activity. Please consider purchasing a dinner to support our mission activity. Please consider purchasing a dinner to support a worthy cause.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS

December

Brooks BBQ December 12th 3:00-5:00pm

Doug's Fish Fry December 13th 11:00-6:00pm

January

Brooks BBQ January 9th 3:00-5:00pm

Doug's Fish Fry January 10th 11:00-6:00pm

February

Brooks BBQ February 13th 3:00-5:00pm

Doug's Fish Fry February 14th 11:00-6:00pm

March

Brooks BBQ March 13th 3:00-5:00pm

Doug's Fish Fry March 14th 11:00-6:00pm



GREETERS/USHERS

December 7

Anita VanWinkle
Elsa Bingel
RoseMarie & Ken Schlock(U)

December 14

Betty Jo Kasprzak
Georgia Tamblyn
Anne & Clint Gorman

December 21

Tom Bushnell
Joyce Atherton
Ellen Frisbie & Sharon Fischer

December 28

Patti Anderson
Art Newcomb
Elsa Bingel & Karen Beebe



Ladies Christmas Tea

Sunday December 7th

2:00-4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall

Entertainment provided

Everyone is invited to attend!

We are looking for ladies to host tables!

HOSTS:

Decorate your table- the fellowship hall will be open on Saturday afternoon Dec.
6th 11:00-1:00pm

Bring your own Christmas china, Holiday decorations

Provide a dessert for the guests at your table (up to 10 women)

You can invite people to join you

If you have extra space at your table, please welcome ladies looking to attend without a host

Grove Missions Team will provide:

Coffee, Tea, sugar, creamer, cups and saucers if needed

Sign up sheets are in the back of the church, see Betty Lawton with any questions.

You can use this link to sign up as well: <https://forms.gle/VV6TcXHAP54LvL2U6>



Next Fundraiser for Camp Scholarships:

Broome County Festival of Lights Tickets

November 17-January 4th - Otsiningo Park

\$25 single use admission /\$60 for a season pass

40 percent donated towards camp scholarships

Same price at the park

Upcoming Events



The Ladies lunch will be held on **December 11th at 12:00pm** at the Union Diner.

Hope you can join us for “food” and “fellowship”

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Men of all ages are invited to a Men's Breakfast on Saturday, **December 13th 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

Brooks Chicken Bar-B-Q



Friday, December 12th

3:00pm – sold out

\$14.00 – Cash

\$14.50 – Credit

½ Chicken, Baked Potato, coleslaw,
Roll, butter

Presale orders highly recommended!
Tickets available in the Church Office.



SATURDAY DECEMBER 13TH

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM
BAKE SALE

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