Endwell United Methodist Church

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Mission:

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

FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR (OR NANCY'S NOTES)

As the calendar turns to May, I've heard of May Day celebrations that occur on May 1st to celebrate the start of summer. I've also heard of "Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!" as a distress signal for planes or floating vessels in trouble. As I thought about that, I wondered what *we* do when we are in distress due to situations in our own lives. We don't need to yell "Mayday! Mayday! Mayday!" We can go to our Lord in prayer. You knew I was going to say that, didn't you? In a sermon last fall, I shared this quote by Arthur Larson:

> Don't look within and be depressed
> Don't look without and be distressed
> Look to Jesus and be at rest.

In that same sermon, I also shared these words in a song by Gordon Jensen, called "He's As Close As the Mention of His Name."

> In the very thought of Jesus, His presence can be found.
> He's as close as the mention of His name.
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> There is never any distance between my Lord and me.
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> He's as close as the mention of His name.

FROM YOUR SENIOR PASTOR (OR NANCY'S NOTES) con't

In my hour of struggle so many times I've found
He's as close as the mention of His name.

Just to breathe the name of Jesus can turn everything around.

He's as close as the mention of His name.

Friends, the name of Jesus isn't a mantra or even a distress signal. He Himself is our peace. I have found that He is as close as the mention of His name and He is our peace – the Prince of Peace. Always and everyday. Hallelujah!

Together With You in the Journey and Rejoicing in the Risen Christ,

Nancy

ALL IN THE FAMILY

We reach out in Christian love and compassion to the family of Miriam Steffensen, who went to be with Jesus on April 25th. Miriam's life will be celebrated on May 16 at 11:00 a.m. at Barber's Funeral Home. The family will greet people from 10-11.

We rejoice with Ray and Laurie Arnold who renewed their wedding vows on April 11th celebrating 20 years of marriage. Congratulations!

Nancy wishes to thank everyone for the way you reached out during her recent cataract surgeries.

NOTIFICATIONS

This is just a reminder that if you are in the hospital or have another situation needing pastoral care, please call the office or let one of the pastors know. Due to HIPPA laws, hospitals cannot call and let pastors know that one of their parishioners is in the hospital. Your pastors want to reach out to you, so if you were in the hospital did not get a visit, it's because we didn't know you were there. If there is another reason you would like a visit, by all means call the office or one of the pastors directly. Thank you.

Children's Ministry and TWIGS Youth Newsletter

Children's Ministry Mission

May 2026

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

Children's Church for kid's Pre-K-5th 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. We are concluding our 8-week series that takes an in-depth look at the book of Acts. In short, we will continue exploring some "Acts of the Apostles." These Apostles spread the word of Jesus and began building the first churches as they witnessed Jesus firsthand.

May's Objectives are:

The Holy Spirit can help me share the good news
The Church is for Everyone
The Church is meant to strengthen us to face any persecution
The Church is a place where everyone has a role to play

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

Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS

Monday, July 6th-Thursday, July 9th

6:00-:30pm (Grades K-5)

6:00-8:00pm (Preschool Ages Pre-K

We are excited to announce our 2026 Vacation Bible School! Welcome to Snowball Mountain Challenge. Throughout the week we will focus on Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Get ready for a week where we explore how to face challenges knowing that God is with us to get us through whatever comes our way. Come ready for a week packed with adventure on Snowball Mountain where we create art projects, are involved in teambuilding events with perhaps even some "cool" Science experiments, enjoy snacks, participate in some fun games and much more! Please see our website for more VBS information.

Trustees

The Trustees met on Sunday, April 19th Present were Steve Borne, Jane Scheiner, Patti Anderson, Ken Schlock, Dave Alexander and Ken Anderson;

#1 Gutters for backside of education wing—Gutter Pro was the low bidder at a cost of $2800. Project was approved. Other quotes available

#2 Service of the ductless units for spring and fall—Evans Plumbing was the low bidder at a cost Of $12,800. Project was approved. Other quotes are available.

#3 Crack sealing of the parking lot—waiting for quotes Trustees approved to allow Dave Alexander To go with low bidder. Quotes will be available.

#4 Howards Window will be painting the Narthex door when the weather improves.

#5 Trim on our rear sanctuary door—Howards Windows was the low bidder at a cost of $800. Trustees approved. Other quotes are available.

#6 Trustees approved the purchase of a new stove from B&W for $3500. Old stove to be put on Marketplace for sale at a cost of $1500.

#7 Ken Anderson asked for approval of increasing wi0-fi at an additional cost of $30 per month. Trustees approved.

I would like to thank everyone for the 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

Administrative Council

Apri 21, 2026

Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

Attendance: Nancy Adams, Nancy Green, Anita VanWinkle, Howard Champlain, Lois Blight, Jim Short, Jim Marean, Dave Alexander, Brian Perry, Donna Halbert, Sharon Fischer, Aaron Bennett , Colleen Borne, Marcia McManus, Kristina Harrington

Opening Devotion – Jim Short

God sightings

New Business

Old Business

<u>Committee Reports</u>

Finance – down $18,000; getting more donations for Rise Against Hunger; Tom Scheibner is going to go over electric bills for the last several years

Trustees – new gutters will be put on the back of the Education Building

SPRC – offered Nancy the opportunity to take off time for her cataract surgery; Paid leave for Morgan Sturdevant in September

Grove/Missions – teacher appreciation for the Preschool Teachers; Parking Lot Sale May 30; Valencia Scholarship Award; Jim Hilton Award

Youth Ministry – challenged them to show Jesus's love to others

Children's Church - $700 toward VBS from Breakfast with the Bunny; Safe Sanctuary training is required to teach VBS

Endwell Preschool – bake sale in May

Lay Leadership – no report

Senior Pastor- may have up to 7 people joining the church in May; going to start the membership audit

Associate Pastor – no report

Next Meeting: May 19, 2026

<u>Bake sale at the Parking lot sale Saturday, May 30th.</u> Bake goods are needed. Bake goods can be brought on the morning of the sale or left at the church office on Friday, May 29th. **Proceeds will go to our many missions projects.**

GREETERS/USHERS

May 3

Patti Anderson
Art Newcomb
Elsa Bingel, & Karen Beebe (u)

May 10

Steve Johnson
Paula Johnson
Anne & Clint Gorman (u)

May 17

Georgia Tamblyn
Tom Bushnell
Ellen Frisbie & Sharon Fischer

May 24

Anita VanWinkle
Sara Jo Kukowski
RoseMarie & Ken Schlock (u)

May 31

Patti Anderson
Art Newcomb
Elsa Bingel & Karen Beebe (u)

Greeters and ushers are needed, if you like to volunteer, please call the office

MEETING NITE

May 19, 2026

6:00pm	**SPRC, Finance, Trustees, Missions**
7:00pm	**Administrative Council – Fellowship Hall**

Red Bird Mission:

The Endwell United Methodist Church is known for its involvement with the Red Bird Mission. Fifteen years ago we were a collection point for the local churches to drop off shoe boxes to be picked up at the end of November for the trip to the Mission. After several years the two couples who were doing this mission became sick and asked if I would consider taking over the mission for them. I enlisted Bill Obrien to assist me and we started collecting shoeboxes and related items for the trip to the mission.

Our first trip to the Red Bird Mission was an eye opener, the poverty was overwhelming, the homes were shacks made out of pallets with no floors and as we drove into the Mission we saw nothing but empty coal mines. There were no stores or gas stations within a two hour drive. You had to wonder how people lived like this.

Over the next several years I convinced Tom Scheibner, Ken Schlock and Jerry Robinson to become part of the team to collect shoeboxes and make the tip to the Mission. We expanded the collection of shoeboxes and related items to all of the Upper New York Conference churches. We were able to take two 26 foot box trucks full of supplies to the Red Bird Mission in Beverley, Ky. Over the past few years our team of volunteers has grown to include Jim and Penny Short, Nick Scalzo, John Zdimal and Howard and Cheryl Champlain. We have been very lucky in that Cheryl Strauss has been willing to lead a team of volunteers that wraps all of the boxes prior to our loading them.

We have been able to take over 2,630 shoeboxes and related items with a valve of over $150,000 to the Mission for the past few years at a cost of $13,500, which covers truck rental, fuel and meals. We want to do this mission again this year but need to raise $6,000. to help cover our expenses, At the present time we have a balance of $7,000, if you can support us in our goal to raise the money needed to finance the trip we would appreciate it very much.

Dave Alexander

Red Bird Mission:

As I feel very strongly about this mission I have given $1,000 towards the cost of this trip and we have received a few more generous gifts also. It would be a shame to not be able to take shoeboxes to the Mission along with the other items that we collect from the churches in the Upper New York Conference. It is a great feeling to be able to help fellow Americans in need and I feel blessed that I can do it.

Dave

Upcoming Events

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Monday, May 4th

8:30am

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!!!!

foodbank of the Southern Tier

Thursday, May 7th

12:00pm

Union Diner

Saturday, May 9th

8:00am

Union Diner

All Men/Youth welcome

Saturday, May 9th

10:00am – Noon

20,000 meals - TWIGS

The Church of the Holy Family

RISE AGAINST HUNGER
food · community · sustainability

Below is the link for anyone to sign up and donate for the event on May 9th. It will have the option to sign up for 3 different shifts. The main one is 10am-12pm. If anyone would like they can sign up to help unload the truck beginning at 8am and stay for clen-up which is from 12pm to approximately 12:20-12:30pm. you are interested in volunteering to help at this event. -https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e793526

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 https://vinesgardens.org/programs/farmshare/ to place an order. Vines pickup are in the Church parking lot every Wednesday, 4:00-6:00pm. from June 10 thru October 23 from 4 to 6 pm. **We would like to have a volunteer from our Church be here on those Wednesdays. If you can help, please let the office know.**

DOUG'S FISH FRY TO&GO

"BAKE SALE"

Baked Goods Appreciated!

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SATURDAY MAY 9TH

11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER

May 9th at Doug's Fish Fry
Baked Goods Needed
Bring wrapped to sell
Proceeds to benefit the preschool

Smokey Legends BBQ

Sunday, May 17th

11:00am-2:00pm

Endwell UMC

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