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- ♦ Sunday School 9:30 am

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Dear Members and Friends,

Welcome to 2020! I trust that this New Year will be full of God's blessings for you and yours, and that if you are one of those individuals who like to make New Year's resolutions that you would make one to be in worship every week. I heard about one poor fellow who decided to make only resolutions this year he could keep. He resolved to gain weight, to stop exercising, to read less and watch more TV, to procrastinate more, to quit giving money and time to charity, to not date any member of the cast of Baywatch, and to never make New Year's resolutions again. Maybe he's onto something. Why torture ourselves when we never keep those resolutions more than a week anyway? What we need, of course, is not another "resolution", but a "revolution". We need a turning point in our lives. Like the wise men of old we need to catch a glimpse of a guiding light, and we need to follow that light to a new life in Christ. "Arise, shine!" says prophet Isaiah in chapter 60: 1-22. What a great thought to begin a new year. Don't shrink back from the coming year. Don't hide in the shadows. Walk boldly. Arise, shine!

How we think about this New Year speaks far more loudly than any resolutions we might make. Do we dread the coming year? Are we fearful, apprehensive? Attitude is everything: What kind of attitude are you taking into this New Year? These words from prophet Isaiah speak to us, first of all, on a personal level. The reason they speak to us on a personal level is that they also speak to us on a spiritual level. The reason we can walk boldly into the New Year is that something important has happened in our lives.

"Arise, shine," says the prophet, "for your light is come, and the glory of the Lord is raised upon you. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the



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Lord shall arise upon you, and His glory shall be seen upon you." The reason we can arise and shine is because Christ has entered our lives and our world and cast out all darkness. The light of Christ brought into the world gives us power over evil and death. Christ tells us who we are: children of God. He gives us meaning, purpose and direction.

"Arise, shine," also speaks to us on a social level. We are to arise and shine so that the world may know its Savior has come. The Gospels testify that Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but Christ taught that we, too, are to be the light of the world. The light we receive from him is to be reflected into the dark crevices of the world's great need. So this is our call for the New Year. Arise, shine! And when we do shine not only as individuals but as the family of Christ then the world will be a brighter and a more inviting place.



And that is our purpose in 2020. As Jesus said to us, "No one lights a candle and puts in under a bushel, but on a lampstand..." (Matthew 5:15). We are to move boldly into this New Year, because the light of Christ floods our hearts, giving us hope and wholeness. And then we are to shine our light so that others may know that the light of Christ still shines into our world. The darkness has not overcome it.

Have a blessed 2020! May the God of grace go before you every step of the way as you rise and shine your Christ given light each day.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Sundar

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATIONS



The Capital Area Council of Churches (CACC) will sponsor their annual interfaith 2020 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Service on **Wednesday, January 15** at the Macedonia Baptist Church, 26 Wilson Avenue in **Colonie**. The service starts at 7:00 pm. The guest speaker for the service is the Rev. Emily McNeill, an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She is the executive of the Labor-Religion Coalition of New York State, and a leader in the Poor People's Campaign.

Troy Area United Ministries (TAUM) is one of the sponsors of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. interfaith worship service on **Sunday, January 19** at Bethel Baptist Church, 2165 Fifth Avenue, **Troy**. The service starts at 4:00 pm. The guest speaker for the service is Rev. Dr. Mashona Walston, newly installed senior pastor of First Reformed Church in Albany.

These services are main fundraisers for their respective MLK Scholarship Funds.

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WORSHIP AT FUMC IN JANUARY

A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

I am no longer my own, but thine.
 Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
 Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,
 Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.
 Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
 I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.
 And now, O Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 Thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth,
 Let it be ratified in heaven.
 Amen.



This is the prayer often used in a Covenant Renewal Service most commonly held on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day. We begin with it on these first days of 2020.

The first Sunday of the month will be **January 5**, the Epiphany of the Lord. It celebrates the arrival of the Three Wise Men to Bethlehem and their delivery of gifts to the baby Jesus. Pastor Sundar will lead worship and will celebrate Holy Communion on this Sunday.

January 12 and **January 19** Pastor Sundar will be away. George Herrick will be leading the 8:30 am worship services and Carol Walkley will lead both the 9:30 am and the 1:00 pm services.

Pastor Sundar returns **January 26** and he will be preaching all three services that day.

During the month we will celebrate Human Relations Day on the **19th**. See page 5 for more information about that day. Also, the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* begins **Saturday, January 18** and ends **Saturday, January 25**. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is **Monday, January 20**. All are invited to join in MLK worship services in both Troy and Albany. See page 2 for more information. Note the specific dates of those services.

Looking ahead, Black History Month begins **February 1st**. Ash Wednesday will be **February 26th**.

Here is the Lectionary, Year A, for January:

January 5 Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14;
 Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

January 12 Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42: 1 – 9; Psalm 29; Acts 10: 34-43;
 Matthew 3:13-17

January 19 2nd Sunday After The Epiphany Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;
 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

January 26 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9;
 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is hard to believe that the Advent season has already passed. I am so proud of our children, they have done such a wonderful job participating in the Advent lessons and hands-on activities this year. Also, a huge thank you to all of the children and families that participated in the Christmas Eve services. We are truly blessed with a strong community of supporters in our Church. New to this year we have started a tradition of inviting children and youth into church one Saturday night before the services to help make ornaments, play games and enjoy dinner together. I would like to continue hosting "kids night out" once each season.



I have been working diligently to try different communication methods with parents. So far, sending out an e-mail every couple of weeks with the Sunday School program's upcoming plans has proven to be the most effective. If you would prefer to receive another form of communication, please contact me in church.

Mark your calendars! Confirmation is starting soon; kicking-off on **Saturday, January 4** at FUMC there will be an all-day event filled with games, food, team building activities and information on Confirmation. If you have not yet registered your child and would like to, please contact me as soon as possible.

Also new to our program, Sunday School has been granted permission to create an activity room (similar to the youth lounge and the TSL room) for children from pre-k through fifth grade. The idea is that this will be a place for children to be creative and play without fear of disrupting another groups' space. We will be looking for donations to get us started. If you or someone you know happens to be getting rid of a foosball table or gently used age appropriate toys and/or crafts or a small TV, please contact me.

Blessings,
Amanda Trainor, Director of Children's Christian Education
egchristanedfumc@gmail.com

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Wow! It's 2020! Can you believe it? When I was a kid I always heard that in 2020 there will be flying cars. Well, cars can't fly but the new ones can drive themselves.



Friday, January 10 will be Game Night 7:00 pm-9:00pm. Invite your friends! IT IS A GAME NIGHT!!

Sunday, January 12 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm is going to be a JR. Youth Group day (not JR High). This day is for the 3rd grade through 5th grade introducing what Youth Group is and does. We will play games, talk about God and have lunch.

Sunday, January 19 from 11:00 am-1:00pm is Youth Group. Lunch is included.

Saturday, February 1 (Time TBD) is Super Bowl Prep. Mark it on your calendar.

Super Bowl Subs will go on sale **Sunday, January 5!** Please look for an announcement. Super Bowl Subs raises money for the Youth to go to **OUTWORD! March 13-March 15** in Liverpool, NY.

If you have any questions please contact Amber. Email Youthleaderamber@gmail.com

God Bless,
Amber

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Monday, January 6 is our first meeting for 2020. We will be creating our budget for the new year. The meeting is at 7:00 pm in room 16. All women of the church are welcome to attend. We would very much like to see new faces.



WORSHIP & SOUP & FELLOWSHIP



Diane Valenchis, new chair of the Worship Committee, extends this invite. Please join the Worship Committee for soup and fellowship following the service on **Sunday, January 26!** Come hungry - several varieties of soup will be available (including Vegan and Gluten Free) and we would love to see you!

"WARM PROJECTS" RESULTS

Thanks to everyone for the beautiful hats you provided for Hatsgiving.org. With your help we were able to deliver **130 hats of all shapes and colors and sizes.** Also, our Mission team sent \$50.00 to help with the costs of sending hats all over the country. This year they collected 5281 hats for 47 pediatric cancer treatment centers in 38 states. I am proud that we could be a part of this special project. Visit www.hatsgiving.org for more information. We will still be making afghans for the VA Hospital - 4ftx4ft or 4ftx6ft - in 2020 www.albany.va.gov/giving. Please let us know of other ways we can use our time, talents, and treasures to make someone's life a little warmer. There is yarn available for your use in the cabinet. Aleta Schweigert, 518-479-3182.



MISSIONS AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMITTEE



Missions and Social Responsibility Committee (MSRC) would like to thank the following for their enthusiastic help in preparing and serving a hot meal to Joseph's House and Shelter on December 15th: Justin Naef, Bob Thompson and Neal Calvin in the kitchen, Janet and Mike Hiser at the shelter, and all the Brownie bakers! We fed about 35 residents and were given a raving thumbs up on the menu of chili, cornbread muffins, tortilla chips and dessert. Despite minor mishaps throughout the event by various committee members, everyone seemed to have a convivial time and we look forwards to February when we do it again! Contact a member of MSRC if you'd like to help.

HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

It's a powerful avenue to extend help and service to our local communities. It is about getting out of our comfortable social circles and offering love and care to those who need help in our neighborhoods and cities. It's about walking with those who feel like everything in life is stacked against them.

Think about how Jesus walked with those in the margins:

In Mark Jesus eats with a tax collector

In Luke Jesus heals a woman from 12 years of hemorrhaging and calls her daughter

And today:

An immigrant teenager in Texas' poorest county, being recruited by a local gang

A father struggling for sobriety in Little Rock, Arkansas

An Oklahoma woman recently released from incarceration looking for work

Giving on Human Relations Day nurtures at-risk youth, strengthens communities' self-improvement efforts, and advocates for the oppressed. Let's become more comfortable with being outside our social circles than we are within them. Let's be more like Jesus on Human Relations Day, **Sunday January 19th.** (From <http://www.umcgiving.org/>)



BOOKS FOR TROOPS



During the **month of January**, we will be holding a campaign to benefit veterans and those currently serving in the armed forces.

"Books for Troops" (BFT) is a local charity whose mission is to offer active service members overseas a release from loneliness, boredom, stress, homesickness and fear and to show they are not forgotten by those at home for whom they are sacrificing so much. The mission has expanded to include those in VA Hospitals and those serving on US Military bases.

Besides donations of paperback books, BFT requests donations of any type of puzzle books, all of which are highly requested by the troops. BFT can't keep enough of the puzzle books on their shelves to fulfill all of the requests, so our church's campaign will specifically include all types of puzzle books.

It costs \$15 for each box of materials to be sent to the troops, so I am asking if you would consider "sponsoring" at least one box. The recipients of the boxes love receiving encouraging notes from home, so if you would take a moment to write a heartfelt note to be included in a box, it would be so appreciated. We would love to collect hundreds of puzzle books for this great cause so please pick up a few on your next shopping trip, and pass the word on to your friends and relatives.

There will be a collection box located in the foyer throughout the **month of January** for the puzzle books. If you wish to "sponsor" a box to be sent, please make the check payable to "Books for Troops" and give the check directly to Cindy or Kevin Conley. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy at 518-253-5976.

CABIN FEVER COFFEE HOUSE - A MUST

Welcome one and all on **Friday, January 17** to this upcoming Cabin Fever Coffee House. It looks like we are having a cold, sometimes warm, snowy and icy winter so please mark your calendars to join us the third Friday in January for fun and fellowship! We have a roster of talented performers and will serve delicious foods...no need to keep any New Year's resolutions as our food is calorie free. Your dollar contributions will continue to help local families in need of food, medicines, heat and gas. See you on the **17th**.



CAROLS AND COOKIES



Sunday, December 29 at 3:00 pm, enjoy a relaxing post-Christmas hour in the Fellowship Hall with members of the choir performing choir Christmas pieces, duets, trios and solos. Join in the Christmas Carol Sing-a-long and then join us for cookies and punch.

DINNER SERVED – IF YOU CAN HELP

Protestant Campus Ministry is looking for a small volunteer team to serve one meal for *Food & Faith*. Every Tuesday evening at the Interfaith Center @ UAlbany a local church provides a meal for approximately 10-12 students. It can be catered or potluck-style. Dinner is served at the Center from 6:00 – 6:45 pm. If you are willing to be part of a volunteer team for one Tuesday meal **in the spring semester**, please speak with Mary McIntosh or George Herrick at church, 518-477-9693. Details and/or Questions – same number.



BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING!



As we begin a brand-new year, the Missions Ministry would like to let you know what a blessing it was to be able to share God's love with so many people in 2019. **Because of your generosity**, we assisted approximately twenty local, national and world-wide organizations. In addition to your financial contributions, you brought in food, clothing and toys for those in need. You gave your time, a precious commodity, through volunteering. You visited the elderly, shut-ins and those in prison, reminding them that they were not forgotten. You provided transportation to those who needed it. You also gave freely of your talents, gifts from God. **Thank You!**

The following is a list of some of the many fine organizations that you supported in 2019:

- ♦ Capital Area Council of Churches (fosters ecumenism and faithful witness through service, advocacy and celebration)
- ♦ Community Hospice of Rensselaer County
- ♦ CoNSERNS-U (food bank in Rensselaer)
- ♦ Iglesia Cristiana Emmanuel (assists the Hispanic & Latino community in Albany)
- ♦ Four-Corners Native American Ministry
- ♦ Habitat for Humanity (provides low-income housing)
- ♦ Capital Area Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless
- ♦ Jajja's Kids (provides housing for street children in Uganda)
- ♦ Joseph's House & Shelter, Inc. (assists the Homeless)
- ♦ Kairos Prison Ministry
- ♦ Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County (provides literacy education)
- ♦ Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections (provides food, medicine and education to impoverished children in Lesotho, Africa)
- ♦ Red Bird Mission
- ♦ Regional Food Bank of NENY
- ♦ Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus (RISSE)
- ♦ St. Paul's Center (assists women and children in need)
- ♦ The Anchor (food bank in Castleton)
- ♦ Troy Area United Ministries
- ♦ UMCOR World Hunger & Poverty
- ♦ water.org
- ♦ Hatsgiving, Inc. (provides warm hats to children with cancer)

If you would like to learn more about these organizations, please see any member of the Missions Team, or take a look at the catalogs which contain additional information located at both church entrances. Best wishes for a blessed, joyous and safe 2020.

-- The Missions & Social Responsibilities Ministry

A GREENER CHURCH

With your input, in November we listed 8 actions that our church has taken to Reduce, Reuse, Recycle or otherwise care for the earth. In December we added suggestions for where we might improve. Please see the bulletin board in the back hallway near the kitchen for these lists and keep on making suggestions. The *A-Greener-Church* committee is meeting in early January to review these lists and propose an action plan for reducing our carbon footprint. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Kevin (518.253.4907 or e.kevin.conley@gmail.com).



OUR CHURCH LEADERSHIP



One of the key purposes of our Annual Charge Conference is to select many of the leaders of our local church. That was done for us at our Charge Conference on November 10, 2019. Clergy leadership in our church, Rev. Sundar Samuel, is by appointment by the Bishop of the Upper New York Conference. Lay leadership positions are filled by volunteers confirmed at the Charge Conference or, in some cases, by election(s) to fill a position. As "good Methodists" we have a number of positions to be filled. Here are some of our key leaders:

Church Council Chair	Leonard Finke
Lay Leader	Beth Duncan
Lay Member of Annual Conference	Rachel Giso
Church Treasurer	Arthur Sanderson
Board of Trustees, Chair	John Peterson
Finance Committee Chair	Colleen Rumsey
Staff Parish Relations Committee Co-Chairs	Carol Walkley, Karen Peterson
Caring Ministry Coordinator	John Schmidt
Education Ministry Coordinator	Carrie Larson
Worship Ministry Coordinator	Diana Valenchis

There are many more. Some of the teams/groups/committees have members selected to serve in their position for a three year term.

A complete list of the leadership names is available by contacting the church office.

NOTES FROM MOZART MAKAFUI ADEVU

Mozart Makafui Adevu, the missionary that our church supports in Ghana, has a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture and a Master of Science degree in animal breeding. He recently wrote two newsletters to update us on his work. He noted that this year's UN Climate Action Summit was a true call to action for the entire world because climate change appears to threaten the ecology and further exacerbate poverty in Africa. Mozart reported on several initiatives to respond to climate change that farmers in his district are taking, including:



- better breeding and health interventions to improve the efficiency of livestock production and decrease greenhouse gas emissions,
- planting trees to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere,
- engaging in beekeeping for pollination to increase diversity and quantity of crops, and
- taking organic agriculture classes to improve the organic content of soils and make them more resilient to floods and droughts.

Mozart reports that organic farming has completely changed the lives of the farmers. They now produce food free of chemical pesticide residues while improving the environment. He told of two farmers. Doris planted tomatoes, onions and hot pepper on her 2-acre plot and had a very good harvest of very healthy crops. She says, "the organic fertilizer I am learning to use is adequate and cheaper than the chemical fertilizer and I hope it will change my life for the better." Selina says that in her 50 years of farming she has never had such good yields of garden eggs, onions and pepper as in the harvest of this year. Due to her new organic practices, her crops have yielded new fruits continuously over 4-5 months rather than just a few weeks, as experienced in the past. Consequently, she has doubled her income.

THE GREAT HALL CLOSES

Our Lord and Lady of Greenbush Manor thank ye for attending their Christmas Madrigal Dinner! All enjoyed a wonderful feasting and great merriment presided over by our Abbess of Unreason, Vicar of Castleton and Steward of Sandlake. *The Byrd and The Bush* recorder consort entertained, while jesters danced and juggled. Diners were treated to a sword dance by The PokingBrook Morris Dancers, entertained by strolling musicians from The Glen and Madrigal Singers sang to their hearts delight! For all those who attended we trust your hearts are light and bellies not too heavy. May this tradition continue in the years to come! Good tidings to ye and your kin!



Many thanks to all who helped make this amazing 5th Madrigal possible! This was 15 months in the planning and a continuation of a 30-year vision to bring the community to our church and to show off its talents and hospitality as well as spread the good news and spirit of Christmas. We are stewards of our community and many organizations who use our facility gave back. The local Beekeepers provided honey for our meal, the Girl Scouts served as waitresses and the Morris dancers danced! Our local businesses made food and monetary donations and even loaned props! In addition, we even had sponsors to defray the cost of productions. Carol Stacy provided the flaming bread pudding and other desserts for 200! while several others baked Sally Lunn bread, and some paid it forward for others to attend. Singers and actors rehearsed for hours. We had 12 to 83-year old's participating! The generosity of our members is endless. The tradition that my mom (Grace Wheeler) and I started 3 decades ago continued with my sister Jennifer with her son and husband Dave O'Brien at the helm in the kitchen. The banners Betty Collins made, and *The Byrd in The Bush* retain their 30-year brilliance! And these are but a few highlights! Many thanks to all who participated or attended. We will reveal in The New Year the monetary outcome of this heartfelt fund raiser!

Happy and Health Holidays to All! *Sharon Wheeler & Jenn Kilinski*

THANK YOU FROM JAJJA'S KIDS



A special "thank you" to the Missions Team and those of you in the congregation who have helped make a dream come true. Diane Reiner, while traveling to Kampala, Uganda in 2006, met Ronnie Sserugange (both have been to our church to offer personal thanks), a street worker helping some of the hundreds of orphaned street children in Kampala. Ronnie was himself a street orphan and has dedicated his life to help as many children as possible. Their chance meeting led to a collaborative effort between Daine and Ronnie called *Jajja's Kids* ("Jajja" meaning

Grandmother), the establishment of a not-for-profit organization, the renting of a home and program for 20 children as well as services to street children. Children between the ages of 4-12 began to eat regularly, live in a home with beds, attend school and began to feel safe for the first time in their lives. Now 20 children live in their newly built home and feel like they belong to family. Our contributions, along with those of many others, have helped fund the completion of a partially built home purchased in 2018...the children and staff (family) moved into the new house on Thanksgiving and will spend their first Christmas in their new home. **THANK YOU**





HERE are some notes, short but important, some to read and act upon. There is a little box to check off each item as you go down the list.

- ☐ Did you save all the **Styrofoam packing** used at Christmas time for our next recycle collection? Bring your "clean" Styrofoam to church on **Sunday, January 5th** for our next recycle date. Remember, we need to remove tape and staples and we cannot recycle items used for food or drink, no matter how clean. Please bring your Styrofoam to the garage on the church parking lot before or after the 9:30 am service.
- ☐ Bring your old athletic shoes with you **Sunday, January 5th**. The Eco-Team will bring them to be recycled through Nike's Reuse-A-Shoe program. We can accept any brand of athletic shoes, but are unable to recycle sandals, dress shoes, boots, or shoes with metal (like cleats or spikes).
- ☐ Keep the Cornerstone Campus Ministry in your thoughts and prayers. Over the semester break, there is a group of student volunteers on a mission trip to Panama City, Florida to help repair and rebuild damage caused by Hurricane Michael.
- ☐ You've seen them in our worship services. You've heard their name – the Ecumenical Witnesses of Baptism (EWB). Now you, too, can become a witness. To learn more, come to the EWB 25th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for **Sunday, January 12, 2020**, at Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave. Delmar NY. The Rev. Karen Pollan, pastor, will explain the spirituality and theology of baptism from the Presbyterian perspective. The program will include a time for questions about EWB and refreshments. For more information see Val Perotte or George Herrick.
- ☐ The Random Act of Kindness Calendar is posted next to the boiler room door in the front hall of the church. Which "act" will you do this month? Would it be possible to set aside your hand-held device on **January 26** and tackle that day's task? I noticed someone already did the **January 14th** task for me. Thanx! GEH
- ☐ Thanks to all who participated in this year's Christmas Eve services. The children in the 5pm service had a blast! The worship leaders, choir, organist, all who attended and our pastor made the 7pm and 9pm services warm, meaningful and uplifting. What a wonderful way to begin the Twelve Days of Christmas!

DONATE BLOOD IN MEMORY OF STERLING "LEE" PIERCE

Blood drive at

First UMC of East Greenbush

Friday, January 31, 2020

2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



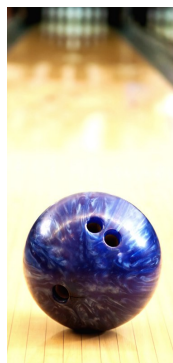
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PROTESTANT CAMPUS MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO

"Bowling For Beds" Bowl-A-Thon

Saturday, February 8, 2020

12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Del Lanes

4 Bethlehem Court
Delmar

Fundraiser to benefit the
Emergency Overflow
Homeless Shelter
in Albany

If interested contact George Herrick by **Saturday, January 11**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Names are kept on the prayer list for one month. If you would like a name continued longer than this, or if there are any additions or deletions to the list, please inform the church office. Please help us keep our prayer list up to date.

LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS



PRAYER LIST

All the men and women who are serving our country; Fran Berger; Steven Burnette (Nellie Smith's son-in-law); **Maria Cilia** (Lorraine Beal's co-worker); **Bill Cotant** (our former pastor); **Isabell Duffy; Jim Gavin** (Carol Walkley); **Elaine Harvey** (Beth Van Ornam); **Bruce Hempel** (Kairos Prison Ministry); **Tim Herbst** (Karen Terwilliger's son); **Susan Herbst** (Karen Terwilliger's sister); **Kevin Jackson** (Gale Jackson); **Tiffany Jackson** (the Van Ornam); **Jenn and her children** (Stephanie and Eric Hausaman); **Billy Jukes** (from Don and Jan Jukes); **David Nardacci** (Kathryn Nardacci's son); **Jaxson Perez** (Kathryn Nardacci's grandson); **Carrie Pierce; Deb Samuel; Brian Smith** (Mary Smith's son); **David Smith** (Nellie Smith's son); **Nellie Smith; Richard Smith** (Nellie Smith's son); and **Jason Taylor and family** (son-in-law of Art and Gail Sanderson. Jason's brother, Jesse Taylor, and his father, George Taylor, both passed away recently); and **Julie Torres** (niece of Tracey and Don Haines).

Also in our prayers is Fran Berger who is staying with family in Colorado as she continues to heal and recover from a fall. Greetings can be sent to: Fran Berger, c/o Zarah Leavey, 3720 E. 30th Avenue, Denver, CO 80205.

Please also keep Rev. Bill Cotant (our former pastor from 1993-2000) in your thoughts and prayers as he deals with health issues. Cards and notes of support can be sent to: Rev. William Cotant, 1005 SW 5th Court, Boynton Beach, FL 33426.

IN NURSING OR ASSISTED LIVING HOMES

Lois Stires, 30 Whitter Way #133, Ghent, NY 12075-3213

At Van Rensselaer Manor, 85 Bloomingrove Dr., Troy, NY 12180:

**Tom Allen
Dorothy Hicks**

MILESTONES

Member Received

Christina Blanchard, December 22, 2019

Death

Linda Frodyma, December 10, 2019



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