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- ◆ Sunday School 9:30 am

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- ◆ Service at Hawthorne
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Dear Members and Friends,

It was a few weeks after the birthday celebration and the mother constantly had been after her 12 year old daughter to write her "thank you" notes. The relationship between them had become quite strained when the girl finally sat down to "do her duty." Her first note was to her aunt who lived out of state. The aunt had send her a pin cushion, a lovely gift, but not on the request list of many 12 year olds. The note was brief. She wrote: "dear Aunt Mae, thank you for the pin cushion. It's just what I always wanted-but not very much!"



I suppose the moral to the story is that you can make someone write a "thank you" note. But you can't make them be really thankful. It won't be long before we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. By Presidential proclamation, it will be a day set aside for giving thanks. A president can declare the holiday, but he cannot command gratitude. So, on that day, almost everyone will have a holiday, but not everyone will celebrate Thanksgiving. Probably most will not. But those who do will do so as a result of a decision. Because, finally, thanksgiving is a choice we make. And that choice has far more to do with the reality inside of us than with reality around us.

I suppose circumstances do not produce gratitude. They just don't! You know people as I do, who live in very favorable circumstances, but they are not thankful, instead, they spend their lives complaining that the good is not better. At the same time, we all know people who have experienced problem after problem, yet they live in perpetual gratitude for the blessings they have received. And they joyfully, expectantly await further expressions of God's love. No, you cannot explain either the presence or the absence of gratitude by looking only at circumstances. Gratitude has far more to do with the inside than with the outside.

Take the Apostle Paul, for example. His was not an easy life. He had been criticized, betrayed, attacked, beaten, stoned, imprisoned, shipwrecked. And his enemies were such that he lived continuously under the threat of death. If you were looking for external circumstances likely to produced gratitude, you would not choose the circumstances of Paul. And yet,

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A Reconciling Congregation

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remarkably, his letters are filled with joy and thanksgiving. Again and again he says, "Rejoice in the Lord always." "Thanks be to God". And, as he wrote to the Christians in Thessalonica: "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." From all appearances, his gratitude was in spite of rather than because of his circumstance. But there was something on the inside of him that prompted gratitude.

Of course, we are to give thanks for our obvious blessings. But, according to Paul, our thanksgiving need not be dependent upon our circumstances. He says, "Give thanks in all circumstance!" He is saying that we can decide to give thanks even when in oppressive conditions.

That is exactly what the first celebrants of Thanksgiving did. You know what rough time they had. A storm at sea blew them off course and they came to the wrong destination. Because of that, the winter was far more severe than they had anticipated. The average food ration got down to five grains of corn per person per day. They began with 102 people in their little colony. Only 50 survived that first winter. Then, they had a choice to make. Either they could gather in bitterness and mourn the tragic reality that half their number had died, or they could come together in thanksgiving and celebrate the fact that half of them had survived. You know what they chose. And that choice was made not because something outside of them, but because of something deep within them! They looked for blessings!



That's the choice that comes to every person. What do you look for in life? Do you recognize blessings when you see them? Do you believe that every good thing in life comes as a gift from God? Do you see the glass half empty or half full? Do you look for and accentuate the deprivations of life, or the blessings of life? If you don't have the right stuff on the inside, you won't be able to see it on the outside. What you look for in life, you tend to find. We tend not to notice those things we are not looking for. We pass by blessings every day. Even when they are there, we don't see them because our attention is somewhere else. At the same time, we exaggerate our problems and complicate them if we go out looking for them. We sometimes even see problems when they aren't there; if that's what we are looking for. Do you know what else? Our expectations help to produce the very things we expect to happen.

You understand, then, what I mean when I say that we Christians are not at the mercy of our circumstances. Thanksgiving does not come from circumstance. Thanksgiving, finally, is a choice.

Wishing you and yours a blessed Thanksgiving season!

Pastor Sundar



Prayer: Loving God, we are grateful for pleasant circumstances in life. Your grace seeks us out, and in so many ways we have been blessed. We pray today for the kind of inner spirit that is not dependent upon favorable surroundings to produce a celebration of thanksgiving. We pray for the kind of spirit that looks for blessings even in the midst of difficulties, and that trusts in your grace even when it is difficult to do so. Make us know that now and always we are held in your loving and powerful arms. Thank you, God. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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OUR ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD HERE AT OUR CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT 10:45AM. REV. BOB LONG WILL BE WITH US TO CONDUCT THE MEETING.



WORSHIP AT FUMC FOR NOVEMBER

"I am walking upon the earth; the earth is my mother.
Wherever I walk, I will be home.
I am walking with people who love me their love surrounds me.
Wherever I walk, I will be loved.
I am walking on the circle of Creator; Creator above, Creator below.
Wherever I walk, I am with Creator.
I am walking upon the earth with people who love me on the circle of Creator.
I will always be home. I will always be loved.
I will be with Creator."

These are the words of the "Shawnee Traveling Song" printed in The United Methodist Book of Worship. It is one of the music pieces we might sing in celebration of Native American Heritage Month over this whole month of November.

November 4 – Daylight Savings Time ends. Remember to set your clock back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



– All Saints Sunday. During the 9:30 am worship service the names of the past year's departed saints of our church family will be read: George H. Burnett, Jr., Richard T. Randall, Leita Rigsby, Rev. Dr. Walter "Wally" Taylor, George Winters, Sterling "Lee" Pierce, Raymond Lemka, Jeanne Wheeler, Mary McLaughlin, Lena Phoenix, Leland Perry, James A. Van Buren, Eric Smith, Helen L. Gustafson, Robert Ostrander, Joe Carlotti, Mary Beals, Peter Stenson and Keith Mastromarchi. That service will also mark the end of the Fall Stewardship campaign plus it will be a time of dedication of the new choir robes, communion table and Sanctuary paraments.

November 6 – Election Day. Make time today to thoughtfully and prayerfully cast your ballot for persons who will fill many offices at all three levels of government.

November 11 – This year Veterans Day falls on a Sunday. See **page 10** for more Veterans Day events. This Sunday also marks the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. "Let us pray for the persecuted church, for their oppressors, for nations that foster persecution, and for those who ignore it."



November 18 – International Bible Week starts this day. One of our Sunday School classes, our 2nd graders will get their very own bibles on this day. Cornerstone Campus Ministry will have a bake sale following morning worship.

November 22 – Thanksgiving Day. See **page 9** for a special Thanksgiving invitation.

November 25 – This is Christ the King Sunday. It is "the last Sunday of the Christian year, a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation."

December 1 (Saturday) World AIDS Day. More on this day in the December issue of The Church BELL.

Our regular service is at 9:30 am in the sanctuary. Pastor Sundar Samuel will be preaching each Sunday in the month. Our early service is held at 8:30 am and meets in the multi-purpose room. That service is about one-half hour long. The service at Hawthorne Ridge is held each Sunday at 1:00pm and is about forty five minutes long. *Friday Night Alive*, the youth/young adult planned service, will be held on the fourth **Friday, November 23** at 7:00pm. Worship

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teams will also lead worship at Riverside Nursing Home on **Sunday, November 4** and at Rosewood Rehabilitation Center on **Tuesday, November 27** at 2:00pm. All are welcome at any of these services.

Here is the lectionary and the Early Service message titles for the month of November:

November 4 **Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost** Ruth 1:1-18; Psalm 146;
Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34

All Saints Sunday Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a;
John 11:32-44

Early Service: *"The Exalted Christ"*

November 11 **Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost** Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17;
Psalm 127 or Psalm 42; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

Early Service - New Theme: **Doing What Disciples Do**
"Pray - Matthew 6:5-13"

November 18 **Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost** 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10 or
Psalm 113; Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25; Mark 13:1-8

"Join - Acts 11:19-26"

November 25 **Christ the King Sunday** *United Methodist Student Day* 2 Samuel 23:1-7;
Psalm 132:1-12; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

"Worship - Hebrews 10:19-25"

A NEW SERVICE BEGINS



Sunday, October 14, marked the date of our first worship service held at **Hawthorne Ridge**, an Eddy senior living community in East Greenbush. Deb Samuel has been facilitating a weekly Bible study at Hawthorne Ridge for many months, and as the number of participants increased so did the requests for a worship service to be held at their facility. After consultation with the Hawthorne Ridge administration, Pastor Sundar and Deb developed plans for a service to be held every Sunday at

1:00 pm. The October 14 service included prayer, scripture, a message from the Pastor, and hymns accompanied by FUMC organist Jackie Krahforst, The 26 residents who attended were enthusiastic in their singing and in their response to the new ministry! They expect attendance to grow as people become more aware of the service and as winter sets in. Pastor Sundar is encouraging all the people in our congregation to volunteer at this service at least twice a year to greet and meet the Hawthorne Ridge residents.

Other offsite ministries facilitated by staff and members of our church include a monthly Communion service at Riverside Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing in Castleton and a monthly worship service at Rosewood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Rensselaer.

TIME TO ORDER CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

YES, POINSETTIA TIME IS ALMOST HERE! You can help to fill the sanctuary with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas and also honor or remember special people in your life. We are offering 6.5" size plants, available in RED, WHITE, PINK OR MARBLE for \$12.00 each plant. Look for the sign-up sheet on the long table and write your order on it. Please make checks payable to the "United Methodist Women." Orders must be received in the church office no later than **Monday, December 10**. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 518-477-9693. Thank you.



GEORGE HERRICK RECIPIENT OF PEACE AND JUSTICE AWARD



Since 1941, the Capital Area Council of Churches, as it is now known, has been building bridges of understanding, respect, and cooperation, focusing on issues such as racism, housing and hunger. For almost 78 years, the organization remains committed to breaking down barriers between local communities of faith and the communities in which we live, work, and serve. In 1966, CCAC worked with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany and the Jewish Federation to found the Interfaith Center for UAlbany students.

On October 10, during its annual Awards Celebration, "Building Bridges," **George Herrick was awarded the prestigious James and Pearl Campbell Peace and Justice Award, and received a Certificate of Congressional**

Recognition from the State of New York. A life-long member of the First United Methodist Church, a veteran, and a retired teacher, George continues to demonstrate what service is all about. He remains active in the Upper New York Annual Conference and serves as a lay servant in our church. He is widely respected and admired because of his dedication and humility. His involvement in the Kairos Prison Ministry at Coxsackie and Greene Correctional Facilities spans nearly 20 years. George's efforts led to our church becoming a Reconciling Congregation several years ago. He has worked tirelessly for the acceptance and participation of All, especially members of the LGBTQ community. As editor-in-chief of our church newsletter "The BELL", George makes sure that the news gets out to our church family and friends every month. Few realize what a daunting task that is!



We congratulate George and extend our gratitude for a life of being the hands, the feet and the compassionate heart of Christ.

-- John Schmidt

Albany District Fall Gathering!

Sat November 10, 2018 9:30am-4:00pm

FUMC Voorheesville, 68 Maple Ave, Voorheesville, NY 12186

Theme: "Love: Digging Deep, Branching Out"

1 Corinthians 13:13,14:1a

Worship! Games! Music!

An opportunity for fun and fellowship!

Learn about upcoming events!

Gathering together and of course,

Praising God!

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Cost includes all activities, lunch and snacks, and a cinch bag!

For more information and to sign-up:

Contact Laura Clark Cell: 518-396-7778 Email: LLC1129@yahoo.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL



BIBLE SUNDAY is **November 18**. The second graders will receive their very own bibles during the service. It is a very exciting day for them!

Rehearsals for **THE SECRET OF SNOWFLAKE COUNTY** are underway! We have a very exuberant cast this year, and they are ready to put on a show! Rehearsals are going great! Mark your calendars! The shows are **Saturday, December 15** at 4:00 pm and **Sunday, December 16** at 4:00 pm.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Wow! Where has the time gone? Before we know, it's going to be the New Year! Youth Group is having a few events this month.

November 2 Junior High will have a game night from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm.

November 3 Calling all Youth who want to help with the Roast Beef Dinner. Please show up at 3:00pm dressed for the task you would like to do (i.e. Server wear a nice black and white outfit, dishwasher can wear just about anything). Please let me know if you are able to help out, or sign up under the TV in the lobby. UMW would like to know how many are helping.

November 10 Will be **Fall Gathering**. This is an all-day event. You need to register ahead of time. The cost will be \$10.00. Please let me know by **Sunday, November 4** if you would like to attend Fall Gathering. I will need another chaperone to attend this event with me.

November 18 Senior High and Junior High will meet after play practice for a delicious meal of Tacos in a Bag. Senior High will then have a half hour meeting to decorate the new Youth Lounge. If you aren't in the play you are more than welcome to hang out while we wait for play practice to be over.

November 23 Friday Night Alive- This Friday Night Alive the sermon will be led by Rachel and Victor. The Theme is Light House. Please join us to worship at 7:00 pm. Game night will start at 7:30 pm and go until 9:00 pm. All are welcome to Worship at Friday Night Alive.

Youth Led Worship



November 24 Calling all youth who like to cook! I would like to come together to do some baking for the bake sale on **Sunday, November 25**. Pastor Sundar asked us if we can host the bake sale. If you're unable to come to bake together, maybe you could bake something at home and bring it in for the 25th. That will work, too.

November 25 We will be hosting a bake sale during Fellowship Hour in church. The church is also having their Annual Church Conference that day. All are invited to attend, and if you are a member of our church, you can vote.

If you have any questions please email me at youthleaderamber@gmail.com. -- *Amber*

KIDS ARE PLANNING, KIDS ARE READY

LOVE WELL
YOUTH 2019

Once every four years it's time for the big event - the national gathering of United Methodist youth and their leaders. 2019 is that year. And Kansas City is the location. **July 1-14, 2019**. The theme, "Love Well". The program will feature big-name musical artists, excellent United Methodist speakers and many learning opportunities for youth grades 6-12 and their leaders. There is a limit of 8,000 participants, youth and adult leaders. Take a look at the video at <https://youtu.be/DXFZ1SnIXzw>. Bet you can already feel the excitement building.

Some of our young people have expressed an interest in attending. Getting to Kansas City, Missouri, housing and meals at the gathering and registration for the event itself will all cost money. Those of us who have aged out of the youth years can be a part of the celebration by helping pay the way for our kids to go. Watch for details on how you can help. (*I wonder, would it be possible to "adopt" a kid for this event? You could say, "I'll help pay, you let me know what's happening in KC." Just a thought...*)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN



The Thrift Sale: The UMW would like to thank everyone who helped out. We really appreciate everyone. There is a report on the UMW Bulletin board that lists everyone I could think of that helped. It also lists where we sent leftovers and how much we made.

Another thank you to all who helped out at for the Chicken Barbecue. While we did not profit as much as we usually do, it was still considered a success as we enjoyed great fellowship while serving the dinners and some of the left overs were used for the Senior Lunch the following week and some chickens have been frozen to use at other upcoming events.

Events to look forward to for the UMW:

- * **November** is the **Giving Tree** that supports CoNSERNS-U Christmas Store. Just pick a tag, buy the item and bring it back to the church unwrapped (please include the tag).
- * **Saturday, November 3** is the Roast Beef Dinner
- * **Monday, November 5** is the UMW planning meeting for 2019 😊
- * **Friday, November 16** Coffee House we will need goodies and help serving
- * **December** is the UMW Christmas Party and the Children's Musical. We provide the dinner for the cast and their families on that **Sunday, December 16**.

A LITTLE R & R

The Memorial Gardens (Courtyard, Island, Gilligan Road Sign, Hayes Road Sign, and Fellowship Hall Entrance) and various other informal plantings (Enhanced Wild Flower, Sunday School Entrance and the Chapel) on our church property have been put to bed (cleaned up before the winter blankets them with snow). During the winter the garden and gardeners take a little R & R. Come spring we will be again enjoying the flowers that come with the warmth of the sunshine. Then for the enjoyment of all, the work is done by several gardening angels - you're always welcome (seasoned and newbie gardeners alike) to enjoy the peaceful, beautiful garden therapy experience by helping (one time or as needed). Please contact Linda Marschner at (518-479-5702) or lindamarschner@yahoo.com.



WANTED: FLOWER ARRANGER FOR THE ALTAR

If **ANYONE** is interested in participating in the arranging of flowers for the altar on a rotating (or occasional) basis with our existing group, please contact Linda Marschner (518-479-5702) or lindamarschner@yahoo.com.

SUPPER ON SUNDAY REVISITED

Come join us **Sunday, November 11**, 5:00pm-7:00pm, for an evening presentation of travels by three United Methodists to faraway lands...watch photos and videos of their experiences as they work on three very different mission projects.

Kevin Conley will share his experiences in working with a Volunteers in Missions project in the Carrabassette Valley, Maine. **David Caneen** will take us to a special mission's computer upgrade project for SEPAL in Guatemala and **Rachel John** will share her experiences about her mission trip to the Union of South Africa.

A pot Luck dinner will be served after the hour presentation.



WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR INPUT

Please share your ideas on how we can have our 9:30 am Sunday service more inviting to the youth, young adults and young families in our congregation and community. The Church Council has requested that the worship committee find ways that can maintain and encourage this vital group in our 9:30 am worship time.

We would appreciate you writing down your thoughts and put them in the worship folder that is in the church office or talk with any member of the worship committee.

We appreciate your input! Please complete this by **Sunday, November 25, 2018**.

Cindy McLaughlin and Karen Terwilliger,
co-chairs of the Worship Committee



We had the date wrong on the last issue of The Church BELL. It should read, "Volume 20, Issue 9, October 2018"

CARING MINISTRIES - RED SCARVES FOR FOSTER CARE KIDS IN COLLEGE

We have been knitting and crocheting variations of red, pink, striped etc. scarves for college kids who have been "aged out" of the foster care system. Foster Care to Success, fc2success.org assists 5,000 students with tuition, mentoring, care packages and support. Our scarves, which must be 60" by 5"-8" wide, will be sent **late November** to be distributed to students on Valentine's Day. If you need yarn contact me. The scarves can be left in the shawl cabinet **before Thanksgiving**.



We will also be making cards of encouragement to send. So consider helping with this project and include everyone or any group.

Thanks for your support of these young people.

-- Aleta Schweigert, 518-479-3182

NOVEMBER COFFEE HOUSE



The Coffee House Team invites you to attend The Thanksgiving Coffee House on **Friday, November 16** at 7:00 pm. They are busy planning the program, arranging refreshments, and scheduling the set-up in the Fellowship Hall for the big night. So, clear your calendar, come on down on the 16th and enjoy the singers, the dancers, the story tellers and more. Dig into some scrumptious goodies, relax and have fun. There is a seat just for you right next to a good friend. And just in case you don't know them, here is a chance to get acquainted. See you on the 16th. A free will offering helps people in need in our community.

Kristallnacht Interfaith Commemoration

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 7:00 PM
One-Time Screening | Free and open to the public

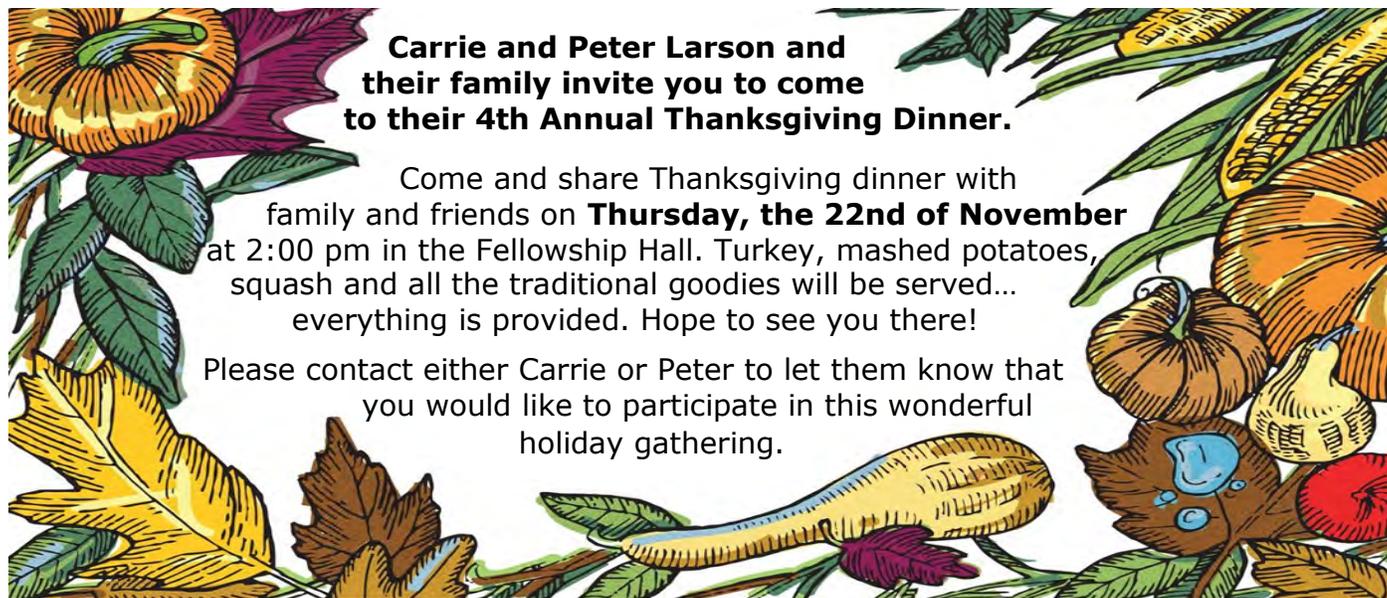
Page Hall, University at Albany downtown campus
135 Western Avenue, Albany, New York

The dramatic escape of thousands of European Jews to Shanghai, who found safe harbor from the Nazi menace, is revealed in the affecting motion picture **ABOVE THE DROWNING SEA**. As Hitler advanced, Jewish families sought refuge in any country that would accept them.



**ABOVE THE
DROWNING SEA**

NARRATED BY JULIANNA MARGULIES



Carrie and Peter Larson and their family invite you to come to their 4th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Come and share Thanksgiving dinner with family and friends on **Thursday, the 22nd of November** at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey, mashed potatoes, squash and all the traditional goodies will be served... everything is provided. Hope to see you there!

Please contact either Carrie or Peter to let them know that you would like to participate in this wonderful holiday gathering.

RECONCILING MINISTRIES

Preparations for the special session of General Conference are moving ahead. A recent press release says, "The United Methodist Church's top court was urged during an oral hearing to rule in advance on the constitutionality of proposed legislation that will come before a special legislative session in February.

"That discussion was part of the first of three hearings that opened the Oct. 23-26 meeting of the United Methodist Judicial Council.

"The first hearing was on a request for a declaratory decision(*) from the Council of Bishops on the constitutionality of the three sets of legislative petitions that form the report of the Commission on a Way Forward. That oral hearing took the entire morning." Watch for the results of those hearings and more information on conference preparations.

(*) The United Methodist Information Service explains for us, "A 'declaratory decision' is a decision in which the Judicial Council has been asked to state its interpretation on a particular matter that may seem unclear or problematic in the current wording of the Book of Discipline or past Judicial Council decisions—in other words, items already passed by a General Conference or determined in a previous decision.

"The Council of Bishops, however, may also ask the Judicial Council for a declaratory decision about the constitutionality of proposed legislation. Only the Council of Bishops may request this kind of "pre-legislative" review. The Council does so sparingly. It has done so in this instance because of the extreme importance of the legislation coming before the 2019 General Conference and the relatively brief time delegates have to determine how to address it."

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL CROP WALK



Crop Walk success! Thank you for your support for the 2018 Castleton Crop Walk. About thirty walkers from our church and Emmanuel Reformed participated. We started with a visit and tour of the Anchor Food Pantry and Thrift Store and then set out on a 3.2 mile loop through the Village of Castleton. Walkers from our church raised over

\$1800. One-quarter of all funds will be directed to the Anchor Food Pantry and Thrift Store in Castleton. Three-quarters of the funds help support the work of Church World Service (CWS) and its partners for hunger relief and development projects in the U.S and around the world. Thank you to the walkers this year: Fran Berger; John and Jennifer Schmidt; Kathryn Henson; Linda Marschner; Tammy Markell; Carrie, Peter and Karen Larson; Susan Heyman; Valerie Perrott; Carol Walkley and Kevin and Cindy Conley.

TWO CELEBRATIONS FOR VETERANS DAY



From www.veteransday.org

FIRST - The **North Chatham United Methodist Church** will be honoring our Veterans and celebrating the completion of our bell and belfry repairs on **Sunday, November 11th**. After our regular worship, there will be lunch available in the Fellowship Hall. Our special service will start at 1:00 pm and will feature recognition of our Veterans, ringing of the bell, thanks to those who helped with this project, singing of "America the Beautiful", and two selections performed by the East Greenbush United Methodist Church Bell Choir ("The EmbELLishments") under the direction of Cynthia Reineke. The festivities will wrap up with refreshments for all.



SECOND - A flagpole dedication ceremony will take place in the Village of East Nassau at the village's first park. Bell Park was created when the **Brainard Methodist Church** was destroyed by fire. Then village board member Adam Acquario embarked on a journey to save the bell that sat atop the church. That led to an effort to secure the land where the church stood and create a public park to recognize how much the church meant to area residents. The church was built in 1839 and through the efforts of volunteers the steeple and bell have been saved and are now part of Bell Park. Join veterans and others on **MONDAY, November 12, 2018** at 10:00 am at Bell Park, 2170 US Route 20, Brainard, NY for the celebration.



-- Adapted from two press releases



God made, Adam bit, Noah arked, Abraham split, Joseph ruled, Jacob fooled, (Calibri 7pt.)
bush talked, Moses balked, Pharaoh plagued, people walked, sea divided, (Bodoni MT Black 6pt.)
tablets guided, promise landed, Saul freaked, David peeked, (Lucinda Calligraphy 5pt.) **prophets**
warned, Jesus born, God walked, love talked, anger crucified, (Broadway 6pt.) hope died, Love
 rose, Spirit flamed, Word spread, God remained. (Times New Roman 7pt.)

- On a sad note, **The Rev. Eugene H. Peterson** died October 22 at 85. He is probably best known for [The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language](#). Peterson wanted to get the words of the Bible into the heads and hearts of his Maryland congregants so that they would live its message. One problem: The words had gone flat from familiarity. So the pastor went back to the Hebrew and Greek to do his own paraphrase, one that aimed to be both colloquial and free of cliché. "He has been pastoring people like me from afar," said the Rev. Justin Coleman, who is among Peterson's many United Methodist admirers. Coleman is senior pastor of University United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
- The fall **Walks to Emmaus** for men and women held at Hudson Falls UMC were a success. Len Finke, a member of the Men's Team, reports that twelve men and sixteen women completed their walk in September and October. Back when Bill Vigne was our pastor, he suggested I attend. I finally ran out of excuses for not going and headed off to South Glens Falls Church for three days. The Sunday morning after I got back, Bill called me up front during worship and, with the two of us standing in the center aisle, asked me if the weekend was worth it. I jumped up on the front pew, looked down at him and said "yes!". Watch for dates for the next chance you have to be a part of this experience.
- Thanks to all those who have recently sent in **change of address** information, new phone numbers and/or changes to email addresses. It makes Gail's job easier, and helps us all when the office has up to date contact information.
- And this late story of some "Best News This Week". Some students from the **Cornerstone Campus Ministry** will be going to Puerto Rico on a mission trip for their winter break. While there, **January 6-12, 2019**, they will be housed at a Lutheran camp near San Juan and be working with Lutheran Disaster Services. Making the news even better, SUNY will be paying \$400 towards each person's airfare. There are still additional funds to be raised and you can find out more about that need plus have any other questions about the mission trip answered when our Peer Minister Emma Thrasher comes to our church on **Sunday, November 18** to be our morning liturgist and to bring the Cornerstone Bakesale, just in time for Thanksgiving.

DATES TO SAVE FOR FUTURE EVENTS

Mark your calendar now before you forget for any of the following dates that are important to you. Be sure to check the Sunday worship bulletins just in case there are any last minute changes. **Not all church calendar dates are included on this list.**

NOVEMBER

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| Nov 3 (Sat) | UMW Roast Beef Dinner |
| Nov 4 (Sun) | Service at Hawthorne Ridge (now on all Sundays)
Worship at Riverside |
| Nov 16 (Fri) | Thanksgiving Coffee House |
| Nov 18 (Sun) | Cornerstone Bake Sale |
| Nov 22 (Thu) | Thanksgiving Dinner at the church with the Larsons |
| Nov 23 (Fri) | <i>Friday Night Alive</i> youth-led worship service |
| Nov 25 (Sun) | Annual Church Conference |
| Nov 27 (Tues) | Worship at Rosewood |



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| Dec 15 & 16 (Sat & Sun) | Sunday School Christmas Musical |
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