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- ♦ Early Informal Service
8:30 am
- ♦ Regular Service 9:30 am
- ♦ Sunday School 9:30 am

Also on Sundays:

- ♦ Service at Hawthorne
Ridge - 1:00 pm

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Dear Members and Friends,

"Live a God-Pleasing Life!" stewardship program is here!

Stewards **living a God-pleasing life** are managers of all of God's creation. As owner, God has called us to be responsible as we fulfill the role for which we have been created, to do his will as long as we remain on earth. *"for we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10).

We are not given these responsibilities because of our great talents and abilities. On the contrary, we often feel inadequate and unprepared for the tasks God places before us. Our strength is in the Lord. The Apostle Paul made that point very clear as he gave praise to God for God's power within us: *"Now to him who is able to do Immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen"* (Ephesians 3: 20-21). As stewards **living a God-pleasing life**, we welcome our opportunities for stewardship and give all the glory to God.

This month we will be studying the series **"Live a God-Pleasing Life!"** in our worship services. We will discuss **faith** as the foundation for stewardship, for it is only through faith that we can please God. We will delve into the important role that **discipleship** holds in our lives as obedient stewards. We will study the Scriptures to learn how **generosity** is the hallmark of grateful stewards responding to the love and generosity of God. Our stewardship program emphasizes the grace of God who has called us to faith and continues to sustain us. Let the words of the writer to the Book of Hebrews be our prayer:

May the God peace...equip you with everything good for doing God's will, and may God work in us what is pleasing to God through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.
(Hebrews 13: 20, 21)

Please make every effort to attend the worship services during these three Sundays. May God give you the grace to continue the faithful stewardship of the many blessings that he, God, has entrusted to your care.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Sundar



A Reconciling Congregation

WORSHIP AT FUMC FOR OCTOBER

SIGNS OF FALL



"...the landscape silently explodes with vibrant colors of red, yellow, and orange. The leaves begin to drop off the trees, providing endless hours of jumping into leaf piles for kids and raking them back up for parents!

"Trees snapping and cracking in the autumn indicate dry weather."

"Fall also brings some wonderful holidays, including Halloween and Thanksgiving, which carry us through the season until temperatures begin to drop, nights begin to get longer, and all the woodland critters start storing up for the long haul of winter."

- right from the horse's mouth, the Old Farmer's Almanac website

But before we leave the month of October, let's take a look at worship at our church.

October 13 we will have a *Blessing of the Animals* at the Early Service in the Chapel in the Woods. All are invited to bring their companion or service animals (each person is responsible for their own animal's behavior). Hispanic Heritage Month will continue through **October 15**. Too late for this year, but maybe next year we can sing all or part of one of our hymns in Spanish. Maybe #583 "Sois la Semilla" (You Are the Seed) or #344 "Tú Has Venido a la Orilla" (Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore).

Children's Sabbath is celebrated **October 18-20**.

"The focus for Children's Sabbath is to look deeply at the needs of children, those local and worldwide, and pray for them," shares the Rev. Leanne Hadley, founder of *A Time for Children* that coaches United Methodist congregations in developing ministries with children. "The goal is to recognize the needs of children and pray; and during the prayer time, to discern where God might be calling us as the church and as individuals to act."

[Melanie C.] Gordon [Director of Ministry with Children at Discipleship Ministries] adds, "Children's Sabbath allows us the opportunity to take a fresh look each year at the needs of children in the neighborhoods where we worship, work, and live; and then discover ways to address or meet those needs as people of God."
- from UMC.org

"Reformation Day is **October 31** of every year. That is the day in 1517 when Dr. Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany." Thus began the Protestant Reformation. And the "themes of the Reformation remain the great themes and principles of our own faith today."

Pastor Sundar anticipates preaching on each of the Sundays in October. Each Sunday we normally have three services: The Early Service at 8:30, our Regular Service at 9:30 and Hawthorne Ridge at 1:00 pm. Holy Communion will be celebrated at all services on **October 6**. There will also be a service at Riverside Nursing Home at 2:30 pm on **October 6** and a service at Rosewood Rehabilitation Center at 2:00 pm on **October 22**. Comments on our fall financial campaign will be part of each of the 9:30 am services in the month.

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Here is the lectionary for October:

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| October 6 | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10 |
| October 13 | Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Psalm 66:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19 |
| October 20 | Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8 |
| October 27 | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost | Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

I would like to take this time to welcome the new families to the church. Although we are in a year of transition in Sunday School I am anticipating a great year. I can't wait to meet the new Coordinator of Christian Education and hear all her new ideas. I want to take this time to thank the teachers who volunteered in September and helped me run the Sunday School Program.

-- Amber Biechman

NEW COORDINATOR NAMED



The Staff Parish Relations Committee has named Amanda Trainor as our new Coordinator of Christian Education. Amanda graduated from Columbia High School before moving on to a college education, earning a Bachelor's degree from The College of Saint Rose. She is currently an Administrator at the RPI Lally School of Management. In September 2017 Amanda began teaching in our Sunday School. Now she has a whole new set of opportunities and challenges before her. Welcome Amanda! Amanda's appointment will be announced in

church on **Sunday, September 29** on Staff Appreciation Day.

Watch for the next issue of The BELL for more about Amanda and more about the position of Coordinator of Christian Education.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

I get a lot of questions about who can come to Youth Group. I would like to let everyone know, youth group is for any (church member/non-church member, community member, visitor, friend, cousin, relative) 6th -12th graders. That's right, you don't need to come to Sunday School to come to youth events, you don't have to be a member of this church. All you have to do to come to youth group is be in 6th - 12th grade.

October 4 - 6 Is our SKYE FARM Camping trip!! Please be here by 6:00 pm. We will be back on the **6th** by 1:00 pm. We will have all meals and activities provided for. It's Going to be Great. We will have a late dinner on Friday at Skye Farm.



October 20 -- Youth Group After Church from 11:15 am -1:15 pm. Lunch will be provided.

October 27 - YOUTH 2019 Presentation during Church. Youth Group will also be hosting the coffee hour after church.

Mark your calendars: **Fall Gathering** is **November 8 and 9** at McKownville UMC in Albany! A Lock-in. Please let Amber know by **Sunday, October 20** if you would like to attend.

Twenty-nine (29) more youth/kids need to attend youth group before you can Pie your Youth Leader in the face!!!

Please stay tuned for an email/Facebook announcement about **Friday Night Alive**. Have questions about Youth Group? Please see Amber Biechman or send email to Youthleaderamber@gmail.com.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY



"God has entrusted us to represent Christ's love through this congregation called First United Methodist Church East Greenbush. What we do as a faith community matters to God. Not only because God has given us this spirit of love and power but also because we are passing these values, this hope and this deeply rooted promise to



the next generation. Today, we have an opportunity to support young scholars. People like the Rev. John Finau, who was called into ministry at age 16 and later graduated from Candler School of Theology. He was able to do this thanks, in part, to funds received through the **World Communion Sunday offering**. Finau, who now serves Keolumana United Methodist Church in Hawaii, said, "For too many Pacific Islanders, the need for work and money heavily outweighs the need for school. ... With youth and young adults becoming more involved in crime and drugs, I want to build a space of safe haven for the younger generation." When we support United Methodist scholars, we impact not only the students, but also all of the people they touch through their ministries. Young people are asking us to show them how it looks to put the spirit of love and grace into action. They yearn for us to invest in them as recipients of God's grace. As Paul wrote,

"This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." (2 Timothy 1:9b-10, NRSV)

World Communion Sunday calls the church to reach out to all people and model diversity among God's children.

-- UMCGiving.org

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

UMW Meeting

Our next UMW meeting is **Monday, October 7** at 7:00 pm in Room 16. The focus for devotions will be The World Thank Offering, one of the UMW's "...five channels of undesignated Mission Giving... This channel of Mission Giving is an opportunity for individuals to respond to God's abundance and grace with spontaneous gifts of gratitude... The World Thank Offering, giving freely and abundantly in response to God's goodness has been the way of life for United Methodist Women for almost 150 years." All are invited attend.

Attention Brownie Bakers

On **Saturday, October 12**, the UMW is hosting our annual Brooks Bar-B-Q.

We are in need of dozens of brownies. You can make one dozen or many dozens. They should be cut into a 3" x 3" square and wrapped in plastic wrap. You can drop them off on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. If you are interested in making brownies please sign up on the sheet on the table in the church foyer. If you have any questions see Kathy Van Buren.



Volunteers Are Always Needed

From the survey that was conducted a few months ago it was learned that a number of people in our congregation are interested in helping occasionally with various church activities but do not wish to be on any specific committee. To that end, here are a couple of opportunities. The third week of September is the Thrift Sale. There is always a need for people to help sort donated items as they come in and then for cleanup on Saturday. Another option is the Roast Beef Dinner to be held on **November 2**. There are many tasks that have to be done to make it a success. Please see Kathy Van Buren or Patty Chartrand to keep your name on a list of potential helpers. Or you can drop a card with your name, phone number and "UMW" on it in the collection plate and it will be given to them.



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

We at First United Methodist Church East Greenbush have been blessed this year as we have used your gifts to our church to spread the love of Jesus and help others. The Finance Committee is excited to present the Financial Commitment Campaign (also known as the Stewardship Campaign) to our church. Each Sunday from **October 6 through October 27**, you will hear different ministries of our church mentioned during our morning worship service. Your gifts are used to support many different ministries, whether it is youth events, mission projects or the upkeep of our facilities, which host many community events and groups. Through all these ministries, we reach many different people within East Greenbush and throughout the world to share God's love.



We urge you to consider making a pledge to the church during the Campaign. Your commitment through your pledge enables us to plan for next year and demonstrates your commitment to our church. You may return your pledge card to church any Sunday from **October 6** through Commitment Sunday on **October 27** or send it to church by mail.

The Finance Committee is pleased to offer online giving, available at www.fumceg.org or through the GivePlus App. Even if you give online or through the App, please complete and return a pledge card.

The Finance Committee is hosting coffee hour on **October 6** and will be available to answer any questions regarding the church's finances and show you how to use online giving or the GivePlus App on your smart phone.

Finally, the Finance Committee would like to receive budget requests from staff members, Ministry Chairs and Committee Chairs by **Friday, September 27**. Requests can be left in the Finance Chair mailbox in the Church office or emailed to me at colleenmrumsey@gmail.com. If you are unsure about the amount you requested for your budget item for 2019, please feel free to contact me.

It takes all of us working together to support the ministries of our church. We thank you for your gifts and continued support.

-- Colleen Rumsey, Finance Committee Chair

2019 WARM SOFT HATS FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER



Last year we created and sent 65 "Red" scarves to *Foster Care to Success* (fc2success.org) for College Students. This year we are making **HATS**. In November, **HATS** are collected by **Hatsgiving.org**, a local family, and distributed to children's hospitals. Check out their website to see if you or a group can help (children can do this too!). **HATS** can be sewn, knitted, crocheted, in any color or style-to fit from babies to teens. If you need yarn, fabric, pattern or lessons, contact Aleta at 518-479-3182 or aleta.schweigert@gmail.com with any questions or suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support!

MEAL AT JOSEPH'S HOUSE

Our church will be providing the evening meal at Joseph's House homeless shelter in Troy on **Sunday, October 27**. We will be feeding 50 people. We are seeking volunteers to help prepare the meal in our church kitchen following the 8:30 am service and preceding the 9:30am service, to prepare dessert at home and/or serve the meal at the shelter that evening. Please contact Kevin (518-253-4907 or e.kevin.conley@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to help.



MISSIONS

...at home and around the world



Illiteracy is widely recognized as one of today's major problems. According to the Literacy Foundation, "...the consequences of illiteracy are many and harmful in several respects. As well as affecting illiterate individuals themselves in their daily lives and often jeopardizing their future, this scourge has a significant effect on society, both socially and economically." **The good news is that our church is making a commitment to being a part of the solution.**

Locally, we support Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County. Our church has also been a proud supporter of Qholaqhoe Mountain Connections, which provides scholarships for high school students in Lesotho, one of the poorest countries in Africa. These young people would not otherwise receive an education. It is encouraging to know that because of your generosity, they are receiving the tools necessary to become self-sufficient and help others. Our Missions Team recently decided to donate five-hundred dollars to the newly created QMC Scholarship Memorial Fund named in honor of founding member Cornelia ("Pic") Schade who passed away recently.



Pic was instrumental in establishing the QMC college scholarship program, and traveled to The National University to arrange the funding processes for scholarship recipients. She was always concerned for students, recognizing how difficult a transition from their remote mountains to life at college would be. And, she delighted in seeing how well they adapted to university life, excelling in their studies and supporting each other there. Presently there are six young adults from Qholaqhoe attending the National University in Roma, Lesotho. Visit www.qmconnect.org for more information about QMC.

MSR-21 (Missions and Social Responsibility for the 21st Century) is grateful for the opportunities that God has provided to make an investment in the lives of others in need. We also thank you, the members of our congregation, for your continued generosity and support. Please consider joining our Missions Team. New members are always welcome.

-- John Schmidt, Missions co-chair

CALLING ALL SENIORS!

Enjoy a time of fellowship with your peers, be nourished by a delectable lunchtime meal, be entertained, go home with a feeling of a time well spent. All this can happen if you join with the seniors of our church family for a Senior Lunch program on **Wednesday, October 16** at noon. To help with planning, please save a space for yourself by calling Mary McIntosh at 518-449-9846 or Sue Lemka at 518-477-9875. Invite your senior friends. Church membership is not a requirement to attend.



CROP HUNGER WALK



As of September 8th, ten have registered for the Castleton CROP Walk on **Sunday, October 20th**, including five first time walkers! We are well on our way toward our goal of 25 walkers and raising \$2500. Please join us. 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. Walkers may register at www.crophungerwalk.org/castletonny or may register with Kevin Conley (518-253-4907). Walkers ask friends and families to

support them either with an on-line contribution or check payable to "CWS/CROP." On the day of the walk, we will meet at Emmanuel Reformed Church, 1150 Maple Hill Road, Castleton at noon for a light lunch, songs, a blessing, and some pictures and then ride in our cars 2-3 miles to The Anchor on Boltwood Avenue. The 1 mile walk and the 3.3 mile walk follow the same route for a while. If you cannot join the walk yourself, please support a walker. Every contribution helps bring some relief to those in need.

RECONCILING MINISTRIES

Two items to mention this month:

First, did you see this headline from United Methodist News on September 9th, "**First church in Africa becomes reconciling**"? On September 1, the congregation of First United Methodist Church Moheto in southwestern Kenya voted to become reconciling. The congregation's vote was 180-0, with two members absent because of illness. With their vote the congregation announced its intentions to support the equality of



Photo courtesy of First United Methodist Church Moheto

LGBTQ people in church life. The statement adopted by the church reads in part, "We support the full participation of all persons in every phase of church life... In line with this statement: We, the United Methodist Church in Moheto, are committed to be a bridge where those in the very 'sinful, ungodly world' will walk over to see Jesus and be able to experience the great love of God." The full story can be read at <https://www.umnews.org/en/news/first-church-in-africa-becomes-reconciling>.

Second, in early July we received an email message from Elaine, at about the same time our name was "officially" posted to the Reconciling Ministry Network website. We finally have space to share her whole message with our church family.

Hello,

I was raised in FUMCEG as Elaine Albertson. I was pleasantly surprised to see you have recently become a part of RMN [Reconciling Ministry Network]. The surprise was that I assumed you were already a reconciling congregation and part of RMN though I hadn't checked.

Having been raised under the influence of Stan Moore and FUMCEG, I felt called to move my current congregation to become part of RMN a few years ago. I'm glad to be able to say my first church, my home church, is also part of RMN.

I really have believed for years that the care of the EG congregation had much to do with who I am today. Our MYF (that was before UMYF) group painted homes in the south end of Albany and worked with the Albany Methodist Society. I went on to major in Social Work and Elementary Ed.; eventually becoming a local politician.

Reviewing your website, I know I would still be comfortable at FUMCEG if I lived in the area.

*Welcome to RMN.
Elaine (Albertson) Buege*

ABOUT OUR SEPTEMBER COFFEE HOUSE

Here, in part, is what our Mistress of Chatter (Carrie Larson) had to say about the "Back to School Coffee House" held on September 20.

"I keep trying to find new ways to THANK YOU for your willingness to practice, perform and participate in our Friday evening Coffee Houses and fall back on the tried and true...**THANK YOU for a wonderful evening**...an evening full of talent, good humor, and kindness. In a world of 'hurry up' and conflict and some days full of stress, it is wonderful to come together for an evening of ever increasing talent and fun. I know that by 10:00 pm we are all a little weary, a little sad that we couldn't perform more and make the magic last...clean up was awesome...thank you for your help in both setting up, making posters and artistic programs, cooking, serving and breaking down the set/hall.

"Please save the date of November 15th...our Thanksgiving Coffee House."

ACCIDENTS DO HAPPEN

Late Friday afternoon on September 6 Pastor Sundar, his wife Deb, and church treasurer Art Sanderson were returning from the service for Dick Pearce at Saratoga National Cemetery. As they approached the exit from Route 7 to 787 southbound the traffic was stopped. They stopped too, but the fuel tanker truck behind them did not. Their car was rear-ended, and they were pushed into the car ahead of them. Their car was totaled and several more cars were also involved in this serious crash. The first EMT on the scene was Tegis Besch, son of Heidi Gran, who was most surprised to find Pastor Sundar behind all of the deployed air bags in the car. Pastor Sundar, Deb, and Art were taken to Samaritan Hospital, and Deb was ultimately transported to Albany Medical Center because she had two cracked vertebrae. Both Pastor Sundar and Art suffered serious bruising, and all three had concussions. The State Police noted how fortunate they all were that there was no fire. Deb was sent home from the hospital late Sunday afternoon with a back brace and orders to remain home for at least three weeks. The other two also needed time to rest and to heal.

Our
**Thoughts &
Prayers**
are with...



Members of the church leadership and congregation immediately stepped up to support those involved. All three Sunday services on September 8 went on as usual with assistance from George Herrick, Len Finke, Herb Lamb (who gave the sermon twice!), Brendan Murtagh (our new Peer Minister from UAlbany), Kevin Conley, and Jean Sheviak. On September 15, Rachel Giso, George Herrick, Karen Terwilliger, Jean Sheviak, and Bob Long (retired UMC pastor) made sure the services were covered. Sue Lemka, Cynthia Becker, Patty Chartrand, and Mary McIntosh have been coordinating other aspects of care, such as donations of food and gift cards for restaurants, transportation and visits.

We remain grateful to God that injuries were not more serious and thankful for the outpouring of support from our congregation.



BROOKS' BAR-B-Q

Saturday, October 12, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Treat your family to an easy, hearty meal to celebrate Fall!

Dinners include: Baked potato, coleslaw, dinner roll, butter and dessert

* **Chicken Dinner for \$12** **Chicken Only \$8** *

* ***Eat-In or Take-Out*** *

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Why:

To Benefit the United Methodist Women's Mission Projects

5TH CHRISTMAS MADRIGAL DINNER



HERE YE HERE YE! Save the Date! On December 6&7, 2019, Our Fellowship Hall will be transformed into a Medieval Castle; hosted by a King and Queen and entertained by Trumpets, Madrigal Singers, Minstrels and Jesters! Your belly's will be filled with tasty food and your souls with good myrth. All levels of participation are needed for this joyous fund raising event! If you would like to attend or volunteer, Sharon Wheeler would be most pleased to

hear from ye! Contact her at 407-718-7707 or Sharon.Triskele@gmail.com, or call the church office at 518-477-9693. Also, follow us on Facebook: [Madrigal Dinner Show 2019 FUMC](#)



LAY LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

The Albany District Leadership Team has extended an invitation to attend Lay Leadership Development (LLD) gatherings once a month between October and next June. The Team is committed to help build and cultivate leaders who go out and make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. The gatherings will focus on three main areas, with three sessions devoted to each:

- ❖ Intentional Disciple-Making (Oct. – Dec., using A Disciple's Path by James Harnish)
- ❖ Simple Church (Jan. – Mar. using Simple Church by Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger)
- ❖ External Focus (Apr. – Jun., using Direct Hit by Paul D. Borden)

The schedule for the gatherings will be: 5:30 – 6:00 Light Supper, 6:00 – 8:30 Learning / Discussion. The group will conclude promptly at 8:30PM.

There will be time in each session for each church's team to interact with people from other congregations for "cross-pollination", sharing, and encouragement. Guest speakers will share with us in December, March, and June sessions.

The Wednesday meeting dates at our church through the end of 2019 are: **October 2, November 6 and December 11.**

See Laura Clark or Rachel Giso ASAP for more information and/or to get on the list to attend. Registrations will close early this week.



♦ I would like to invite you to participate in the **Prayer Vigil for the Kairos Prison Ministry** to support the weekend at Greene Correctional Facility, **October 24-27**. Time slots are one hour which you could share a family member or a friend. You don't have to go someplace special for prayer. You pray where ever you are. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0e4ca8a72aa6f85-kairos1>. Questions or need help in signing up? see George Herrick. -GEH

- ♦ This reminder from the September BELL -- On **Saturday, October 19** there will be a **WORK DAY AT SKYE FARM** to trim up from this year's camping season and to prepare for next year. More information at 1884 E. Schroon River Road, Warrensburg, NY 12885, phone 518-494-7170/email info@skycfarmcamp.org.
- ♦ 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? Could it be the one for **October 14**? Or how about one not on the calendar, raking leaves? If you are willing to help rake or if you have the leaves, call the church office and get on the list and we will try to match the leaves and the rakes.
- ♦ Church Library - Looking for something to read? There are plenty of titles in the church library for young and young at heart. Enjoy reading!
- ♦ Reminder to all ushers and would-be ushers. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the church foyer. There are plenty of spaces available - even Christmas Eve.
- ♦ Keep watch for more information from those who attended **Youth 2019 - Love Well**, coming in November's BELL.
- ♦ Are you ready to deepen your faith? Consider attending a *Walk to Emmaus* weekend. You can support the Women's Weekend, September 26-29 with your prayers; men are encouraged to register for the **Men's Weekend, October 10-13 at beautiful Skye Farm**, with prayers equally appreciated. For more information, contact Pastor Sundar or the church office very soon.



Muchas Gracias!

Pastor Mariana Rodriguez of *Iglesia Cristiana Emmanuel* in Albany and our Missions Team would like express appreciation for helping to provide snacks for young Christians who attended Pastor's Vacation Bible School this past summer. Approximately twenty

-five children attended the three sessions receiving the message of God's love. Methodists in Averill Park and Delmar work with us to provide support throughout the year for those in need in Pastor Mariana's congregation. Worship services are held at Third Reformed Church at Ten Eyck at Whitehall in Albany.



What is it about this picture that is of significance to The United Methodist Church ?

