



First United Methodist Church

We are a Reconciling Congregation

The Bell



OCTOBER 2026

Regular Service and Sunday School 9:30 am

This service is also available
live on YouTube using the
links on the Church website.

Outdoor Chapel Service 8:30 am (July & August)

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LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER

October 4: 19th Sunday After Pentecost - Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20;
Psalm 19; Acts 4:5-12; Matthew 21:33-46

October 11: 20th Sunday After Pentecost – Exodus 32:1-14;
Psalm 106: 1-6; Acts 8: 14-25; Matthew 22: 1-14

October 18 – Laity Sunday – 21st Sunday After Pentecost –
Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; Acts 10:34-43;
Matthew 22:15-22

October 25 – 22nd Sunday After Pentecost - Deuteronomy 34:1-12;
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; Acts 10:44-48; Matthew 22:34-46



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Hi FUMCEG,

Below you will find a direct link to a sign-up for Sunday School Volunteers. We are expecting our youth program to grow weekly, and therefore need the support of our congregation. Each week we will have 3 classrooms, with a volunteer (or 2) in each, to teach the lesson. The classrooms are as follows:

Preschool (Ages 3-5), Elementary (Grades 1-3) and Grades 4 and up.

The lesson and all materials will be provided for you! It's easy and rewarding to teach the youth of our church. They enjoy seeing and meeting new people in the classroom each week. The lesson plan will be emailed directly to you by Thursday of the week prior for your viewing. If you have any questions, please contact me directly at LLehmann@fumceg.org.

Sign-up Link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0544AAAE23A4FAC16-65848567-sunday>

Thanks for your assistance, Lauren Lehmann

MADE BY HAND WITH LOVE OUTREACH MISSIONS OCTOBER 2026

Using our time, talents, and treasures to give comfort to others, our group will meet Tuesdays, October 13 and 27, 10:00 am - 11:30 am in the Multipurpose Room. We will continue to create hats for hatsgiving.org for kids with cancer. Our group will be hosting Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall Sunday, November 8 with a display of our handiwork. These soft, warm hats will be delivered the next day. As always we continue to make afghans 48"x48" for Hospice and Veterans at the VA Hospital, and shawls for ALS patients. Contact us if you need more information or YARN.

If you or someone you know would like to learn to knit or crochet, contact us and we can make arrangements. Materials will be supplied. We would love to introduce a new skill to students/parents.

aschweigert@fumceg.org or rwheeler@fumceg.org



DISASTER EMERGENCY RELIEF REQUEST

Once again this year, the Missions Mission will be filling 15 flood buckets with cleaning supplies, etc. and we are asking for your help. If your budget allows, we are asking for contributions of the following items for each bucket. The items are needed by October 31st. A bin in the church foyer is available for supplies.

One 32 - 64 oz. bottle liquid laundry detergent
One 16 - 40 oz. bottle liquid concentrate household cleaner (no spray cleaners)
One 16 - 34 oz. bottle dish soap
One 4 - 8 oz. pump spray air freshener (or 3 solid, or 3 gel fresheners also acceptable)
One 6 - 14 oz. pump spray insect repellent (pack of 10 to 20 wipes also acceptable). Pump spray bottles must have protective covers.
One scrub brush with or without handle
Eighteen (18) reusable cleaning wipes (no terrycloth or paper towels)
Five scouring pads or sponges (no stainless steel pads with soap in them)
One package of 36 - 50 clothes pins
One 50 - 100 foot clothesline
One 24-Roll or more of heavy duty, trash bags.(33 - 45 gallon sizes)
Five N95 particulate respirator dusk masks (1 - 3 mm thickness; no surgical masks)
Two pairs kitchen gloves that are durable for multiple uses
One pair of work gloves (cotton with leather palm or all leather)

If you are able to contribute, please leave the items in the bin marked for Flood Buckets near the front of the Church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Missions Committee



POP-UP SALE: SEEDS AND STUFFYS!

On October 11, after the service, Missions and Social Responsibility Committee will be hosting a pop-up sale of seeds from the FUMCEG gardens, as well as organic dried herbs and the most adorable handmaid Stuffed Animals in quilted fabrics.



We all love how our church gardens have grown and become something lovely to experience in each season. We will be sharing seeds from many flowers so you too can enjoy them in your home gardens.

Available for sale will be options for Perennials, Self-Seeding Annuals, and Biennial Flowers, in multiple colors, shapes and sizes. Especially of note are our lovely sunflowers, the brainchild of and in honor of our very own George Herrick.

As well, there will be Dill Seeds, Coriander Seeds (which will grow into cilantro plants or can be used in cooking), Organic Dried Oregano, and Organic Catnip for your kitties! Pictures of what these seeds will turn into are featured on the page and pages throughout the Bell.

Danielle and Carol Stacy have put their gifted hands to work, creating these adorable Patchwork Quilt Stuffys for new babies, grandchildren of all ages, and those of us who just love homemade adorable things. You can clearly see how much love they have put into each one, and how talented they are to create such charming gifts that will send a message of love to whoever is presented with one of these!



FINANCE COMMITTEE



The Finance Committee has set dates for our fall financial drive which will start on October 4th and end on October 25th. It will be run in a similar manner to what we have done during the last two years. We will be asking everyone to make a commitment to God to support the church through their financial gifts and gifts of time. We will not be looking at those commitments as they are between God and you. However, our goal is to increase the number of commitments made by 15% over the 87 commitments made last year.

As you consider what you can do next year to support our church's program, please think about how you might fulfill that commitment. We now have the ability to receive donations of stock. This can be beneficial to you if appreciated stock is being donated as you avoid paying income taxes on the appreciated value of the stock, while the church receives the full value of the stock. For those with retirement funds needing to make Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs), donations made directly from the retirement account to the church can fulfill part or all of your RMD. Your financial advisor can provide more information on how this is done.

We have been using online donations for gifts to the church for several years now. Consider making a recurring donation from your bank account (savings or checking) or your credit card and save some more time by not having make arrangements for making donations to the church every week or once a month.

Storytelling Night

"Clown College to Law School, Everything you
need to know!"

First United Methodist Church
1 Gilligan Road
East Greenbush, NY



Wednesday October 7th, 7:00pm

Molly O'Toole

Clown - Law Student - Performer - Instrumentalist



Molly will provide YOU with
ALL THE NECESSARY STEPS
to be NEARLY as crazy as she is
as she TELLS ALL about her life of
Performing, Studying Law, and much more!

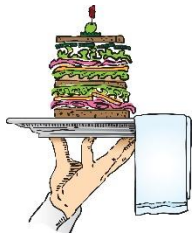


ALL ARE WELCOME - REFRESHMENTS - DOOR PRIZES





COMMUNITY CHURCHES LUNCH



We are planning a communitywide church lunch for November 6 at 12:00 noon. We will be inviting the churches in the area to attend a luncheon similar to the former Lenten Lunches. Letters/notices will be sent to invite them. If you have a friend who attends another church in the community or elsewhere please invite them.

The luncheon will be a simple soup and sandwich fare with, of course, fruit salad and dessert.

Phone calls will be made so we can get a head count, but if you do not get a call and wish to attend and bring a friend, please call the church office at (518) 477-9693.

