

First United Methodist Church

We are a Reconciling Congregation

The Bell

NOVEMBER 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 NOVEMBER

November 1 – All Saints Day – Revelations 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

November 8 – 24th Sunday After Pentecost – Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

November 15 – 25th Sunday After Pentecost – Judges 41-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

November 22 – Reign of Christ/Christ The King – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

November 26 – Thanksgiving - Deuteronomy 8:7-18; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19

November 29 – 1st Sunday of Advent – Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

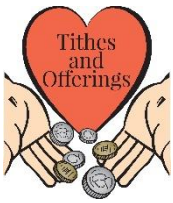


On behalf of the United Women in Faith, I would like to thank all the brownie bakers, and these additional volunteers: Peter Lehmann, Steve Beals, Gary Klee, Janet, and John Schmidt, Karen and John Peterson, Kathy VanBuren, Karen Terwilliger, Mary Smith, Barb Morse, Jessica and Joseph Sweeney, Lucas and Mary Schmitt, Cindy Conley, Patty Chartrand. Special thanks to Pastor Debbie Earthrowl for chatting with people as they waited in line for their Brooks' BBQ chicken dinner. We raised $2,419 for kitchen repairs and other mission projects.

Thank you, and please save the date for Miller's Backyard BBQ Chicken Dinner Drive Through on April 24, 2027.

Lorraine Beal

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Just a reminder that your giving envelope can be returned on Consecration Sunday, October 25 during the worship service or you may mail it or return it to the office at your convenience. Once the financial secretary counts the number of envelopes returned, your envelope will be returned to you unopened so you will have a record of that amount you are giving.

OUR ENDOWMENT FUND



The Endowment Fund provides an opportunity for Church members and friends to support the Church's current and future Ministries. There are 3 different funds that make up the Endowment Fund: Music and Worship, Education, and the General Fund. Each year, approximately $9,000 from interest and dividends are transferred from the Endowment Fund to the Church. Having multiple funds allows donors to choose the kind of ministry they wish to support. Any individual or committee in the Church can petition the Endowment Committee to fund an idea that either expands a current program or starts a new one. Often, donations are made in memory of someone or can be made as part of a will or part of mandatory distributions from an IRA which are tax deductible. Currently, the Endowment Fund is about $250,000. If you would like to explore a gift to the Endowment, please talk with Pastor Debbie, Peter Larson, Errol Fitzgerald, Kirsten Downer, Justin Naef or John Peterson.

FROM THE ECO TEAM



Fifteen years ago, our church agreed to keep a two-mile section of Routes 9 & 20 trash-free through the Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway Program. Four times a year, a dedicated team of volunteers, wearing their bright yellow vests, carrying trash bags and grabbers, honored that commitment. We thank them for their service and encourage others who want to help make a difference to join us on April 3 as we begin year 16.

On two Sundays in November, the Eco Team will present a viewing and discussion of a TED Talk from 11:00 am – 12:00 noon in room 16.

 On November 8th , in a talk titled, "When I die, recompose me," Katrina Spade discusses recomposition -- a system that uses the natural decomposition process to turn our deceased into life-giving soil, honoring both the earth and the departed.

 On November 22nd , in a talk titled, "The best way to lower Earth's temperature — fast," chemical engineer Daniel Zavala-Araiza highlights the emerging technologies and bold new policies that are part of a worldwide effort to hold oil and gas companies accountable for polluting our skies with methane, a super pollutant. He presents an optimistic glimpse into a future where global cooperation and cutting-edge monitoring could rapidly slow climate change.

On September 12th , the Eco Team collaborated with St. Paul's UMC and the Village of Castleton to offer its second Repair Café this year. This year, over 70 people from Castleton and the surrounding area brought items for repair, including lamps and other electronics, clothing, bicycles and tools for sharpening. Repairing and Re-using rather than Replacing items keeps them out of the landfill and avoids the carbon emissions of new production. Our next Repair Café will be held in March.

MISSIONS POP-UP A GREAT SUCCESS

Fellowship Hall was full of energy on Sunday, October 11th, with goodies to eat, coffee and juice and delightful offerings at the Mission Pop-Up. Carol and Danielle Stacy created a cast of charming STUFFIES to be adopted…hand crafted animals of all colors, stripes and shapes. Susie Calyer, one of the 3 flower gardeners who keep our church gardens blooming and bountiful all summer, packaged seeds from our gardens and created a delightful offering of seeds,



flowers and a chart explaining each.

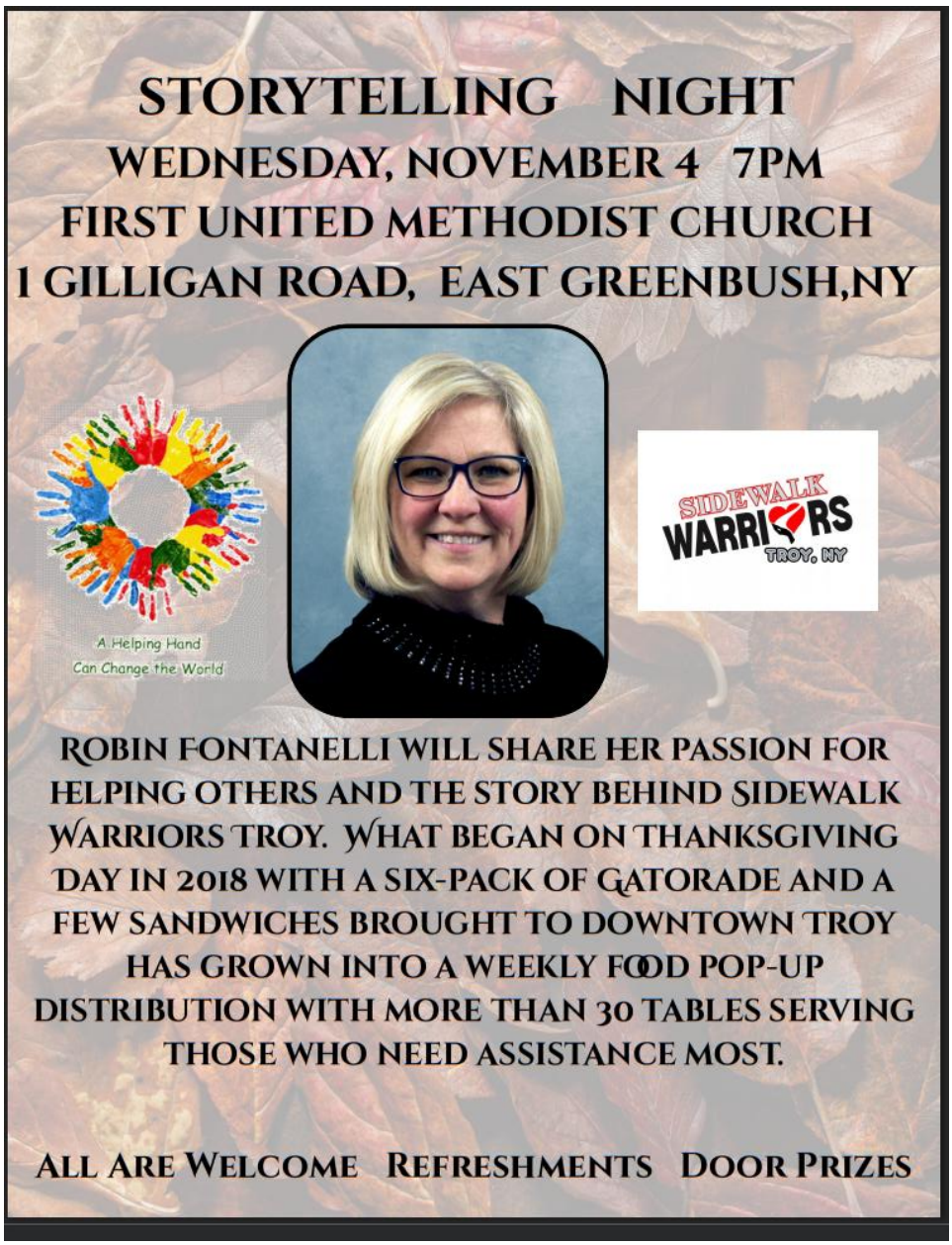
Over $700 was raised for Mission Ministries! Another Pop-Up with Stuffies and other offerings will be held in December before Christmas.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

At Christmas time our church is traditionally decorated with poinsettias. Those who wish may order plants in honor or memory of someone. The deadline to order poinsettias is Sunday, **December 5**. We will order from Becker's Farm 6.5" plants in either red or white. The cost is $14.00. Look for the sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer. Checks can be made out to United Women In Faith.



CHURCH LUNCHEON

Our church luncheon is Friday, **November 6** at 12:00 noon in Fellowship Hall. Area churches are being invited to join our lunch. Please, also invite family or friends. We will have a short message from the Outreach Co-ordinator of CoNSERNS-U Food Pantry in Rensselaer, Austin

Klosner. He will help us understand the needs of our local community and how we can help. One way to help now - our Youth Group and Missions Committee are having a Thanksgiving Food Drive until November 8. Items requested are: stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, canned yams, cranberry sauce and turkey gravy. We look forward to this Autumn event being bigger than usual !!

A simple Soup and Sandwich fare will be served at each table. And of course there will be Fruit Salad and Dessert.

Call the church office at (518) 477-9693 to let us know how many will attend.

SAVE THE DATE

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026

8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at FUMCEG

. Every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Contact 1-800-RED CROSS or redcrossblood.org

to schedule an appointment

use sponsor code: east greenbush

($10 Amazon Gift Card by email)

HOLIDAY COFFEE HOUSE

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Welcome to the "Holiday Coffee House" on Friday, November 20th. Our roster of performers is legendary, and an evening of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve classics is bound to entertain. We have sumptuous snacks and the basket for contributions will benefit local families in need of the basics. Hope to see you there!!



Christmas Madrigal Dinner

Hear ye, Hear ye! Our Madrigal Dinner on December 4 & 5, 2026 requires ye gracious volunteers: Jesters, chefs, bakers (recipe provided), preparations, an artist to design a cover, and more! If ye are interested in taking part in our 6th show, our lady Sharon Wheeler would be most pleased to hear from ye! 407-718-7707 or madrigaldinnershow2023@gmail.com.

