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Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 8:00am - 3:00pm
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Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm

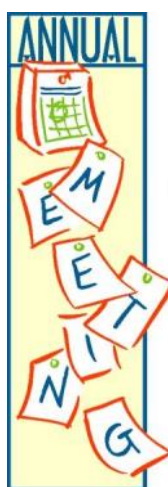
WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, 10:00am in the Nave
[Click here for live stream.](#)
[Click here for Covid Safety protocols.](#)

Ministers: All the People
Pastor and Teacher: Rev. Jason Boyd
Moderator: John Kolb
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**Call to the 209th
June Annual Meeting
of the
United Church of Christ,
First Congregational
Norwich, NY**

**Sunday, June 18
after the Worship Service
in the Founders Room.**

All members are encouraged to attend.
We will be voting on the 2023-24
Board Members and Officers.

God's Doors are Open to All



From the Pastor

Rev. Jason Boyd

It's not going to snow again for a while, right?

Summer is not here officially, but for all intents and purposes, it is. School will soon be out, folks will be heading off on vacation (I will too, but not until July), and BBQ season is lurking. I will confess to loving when BBQ lurks. ☺

But in the meantime, we have some other things coming up.

Trinity Sunday is June 4. This is not often "a big deal" in Protestant churches, but we will spend some time on the matter of the trinity in worship that day.

Our Pride Sunday and observation of Open and Affirming Sunday in the United Church of Christ is coming on Sunday, June 11. Wear your rainbows!

Our annual congregational meeting is after worship on June 18. Please make a point of being there for this meeting and discussion, which will be led by our outgoing Moderator, John Kolb.

Much will be going on beyond "our four walls" as well. The New York Conference UCC annual meeting in Niagara Falls takes place June 16 and 17, and our 34th General Synod of the United Church of Christ (in Indianapolis) begins June 30.

So it's a busy month! But one where school also ends for the year, where many will be heading off on summer vacation – mine begins after church July 2. Let's offer one another blessings as we head into Summer, and to get our blessing started, here is a poem by Deborah Ann Belka called "Summer Love."

*I love the summer's rays,
shinning from the sun
the warmth of laughter
with children having fun.*

*I love summer's breezes,
gently drifting in the air
the sounds of pure delight
when the weather is fair.*

*I love summer's laziness,
the strolls down the lane
the sound of peacefulness
upon summer's gentle rain.*

*I love summer's smells,
fragrant with memories
the happy thoughts wafting
of BBQ's, friends and families.*

*I love summertime,
it's smells, sights, its sounds
I love that God blesses me
when summer comes around!*

Blessings,

Pastor Jason

We've Got Mail



Dear UCC,

Thank you so much for allowing the AARP tax people to use your facilities. Hope this donation helps.

Thank you,
George Stafford

Dear UCC,






Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network would like to take this opportunity to show our sincere appreciation for your generous donation to our organization!

Mothers & Babies has been providing programming, resources, education and support to the community for over 25 years – none of which could happen without your support. Your donation will help to sustain and expand the programs we provide to the community. Programs that will help a young mother form a lifelong friendship with another mother through our PAL Family Resource Center, assist a new mother suffering from postpartum depression access services, or help a young man who lost his job find health insurance and sort through piles of medical bills because "there just wasn't enough" to make ends meet.

Thank you for always supporting our work and for your unwavering commitment to helping individuals and families in our community

Sharon Chesna, Executive Director
Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network
of SCNY

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The Muslim Community meets daily at 9:00 p.m. and Friday afternoons for prayer.				1	2 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom	3
4 9:00am - Nursery 10:00am - Trinity Sunday - Worship/Communion Sunday School K-8 11:00am - Coffee Hour 11:30am - Bell Choir 6:00pm - LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom	5 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom 3:00pm - Tai Chi, Founders' Rm. Livestream contractor working in building June 5 - 7	6 1:00pm Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen 3:30pm - E. Fischer Lessons, Nave.	7 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom 7:00pm - Choir, Nave	8 1:00pm - Piecemakers Meeting, Founders Rm. 7:00pm Hospice Service of Remembrance. See p. 5	9 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom	10 
11 9:00am - Nursery 10:00am - Pride Sunday - Worship Sunday School K-8 11:00am - Coffee Hour 11:30am - Bell Choir 6:00pm - LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom	12 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom 10:00am - UCC Knitting Group, Kitchen 3:00pm - Tai Chi, Founders' Rm. 7:00 pm- Deacons Meeting, Zoom.	13 1:00pm Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen	14 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom 7:00pm - Choir, Nave	15 6:00pm- Garden Club, Founders Rm. 6:00pm Helping Hands Giveaway at the Norwich YMCA 	16 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom UCC NY Conference Annual Meeting in Niagara Falls	17
18 9:00am - Nursery 10:00am - Worship Sunday School K-8 11:00 am Annual Meeting, Founders' Rm. 11:00am - Coffee Hour 11:30am - Bell Choir 6:00pm - LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom ANNUAL MEETING	19 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom 3:00pm - Tai Chi, Founders' Rm.	20 1:00pm Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen 3:30pm - E. Fischer Lessons, Nave. 6:00pm Community Honors Banquet at Country Club	21 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom 11:00am Free hotdog lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church 4:00pm Laundry Love at Byrne Dairy 6:10pm - Democratic Committee, Founders Rm. 7:00pm - Choir, Nave	22 Deadline for July/ August newsletter 	23 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom	24 9:00 a.m. Diaper Give-away at First Baptist Church in Norwich 
25 9:00am - Nursery 10:00am - Worship Sunday School K-8 11:00am - Coffee Hour 11:30am - Bell Choir 6:00pm - LGBTQ+ Forum, Zoom	26 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom 10:00am - UCC Knitting Group, Kitchen 3:00pm - Tai Chi, Founders' Rm. 6:30pm T&C Garden Club Founders Rm./ Kitchen	27 1:00pm Piecemakers Circle, Kitchen 	28 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom 11:00am Free hotdog lunch at Emmanuel Episcopal Church.	29	30 10:00am - Prayer Circle, Zoom 34 th General Synod of the UCC begins today	



Children and Youth Ministries

Ericka Tyler, Director

Last Day of Sunday School - June 11th

Children in K-8 are invited upstairs after the Children's Moment for a year-end celebration. Enjoy the summer and we will start up again in September.



Babysitting Course

Do you know someone who would like to start babysitting? Do you have a child who is 11-16 and is

interested in babysitting? The Place is offering an **American Red Cross Babysitter Training course**. The two-session class will be held on June 10 (9am-3pm) & June 17 (9am-2pm). This class is **FREE** to Chenango County youth and is made possible through the generous contribution of an anonymous donor. For additional information or to preregister, please contact The Place at 607-336-9696.

Prayer Concerns

Let us keep in our prayers the following concerns:

- ♦ families, families that may be going through particularly difficult times, families seeking God's guidance;
- ♦ those who are moving because of their work, those looking for work, and those looking for meaning in their work.
- ♦ those who are ill, who are recovering from illness or surgery, or who anticipate going to the hospital.
- ♦ those who grieve over the death of someone they love.
- ♦ our church, that it might be faithful to its calling, our pastor, all staff members and committees.
- ♦ peace in the world.
- ♦ gay, lesbian and bisexual and transgendered persons, and all those who feel isolated and alone.
- ♦ the people of Ukraine and Russia

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO the family and loved ones of **Julie Gonzalez**, who passed away on May 17, 2023.



JUNE Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Jane Prime
- 5 Jenna Bonney
- 10 Catherine Hammons
- 13 Jessica Posner
- 18 Bill Aitken
- 24 Elizabeth Brewer
- 26 Brooke Bonney
- 27 June Granz
- 28 Jack Brereton

Anniversaries

- 06/10/2017 Richie and Jenna Bonney
06/12/1993 Jeff and Janet Johnson

FREE LUNCH

All Are Welcome!

**Wednesdays
11:00 a.m.**

until the hot dogs run out.

**June 21
through
August 31**



**Emmanuel Episcopal Church
37 W. Main St., Norwich**



Will Bob Oehme channel Jim Morrison again at Pentecost in 2024? Maybe. 😊

But feel free to keep singing his song all year long! Here are the lyrics to the sermon song from Pentecost Sunday for you:

*You know that it would be untrue.
You know that I would be a liar.
If I were to say to you,
The Spirit couldn't take us higher.
Come on Spirit, send your fire.
Come on Spirit, send your fire.
Bless us with your holy fire.*

*The time to hesitate is through.
No time to wallow in the mire.
God's Holy Spirit came to you.
On wind intoning like a choir.
Come on Spirit, send your fire.
Come on Spirit, send your fire.
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Deacons Doings

Mary Williams, Chair

Core Value: Neighborhood Engagement

Every month, Deacon member Rose Laughlin puts together donation bags from our church for the Helping Hands project. Thank you to Jane Prime for her assistance in May and to Erin Laughlin for helping over the summer. They shop for personal care items and prepare bags for men and women that are given out on the third Thursday of the month at 6:00pm at the Norwich YMCA. If you would like to learn more about or help with this project, please talk to Rose. You can make donations toward the purchase of the items by check with Helping Hands in the memo.



Service of Remembrance

June 8, 2022 at 7:00pm

at The Hospice Office 33-39 Court Street, Norwich
Candle-lighting ceremony honoring the lives of those who have recently passed.

For more information call (607) 334-3556



Scholarships for Summer Camp Available

The Susquehanna Association has scholarship

funds in the amount of \$50 per person per year for children and youth to attend faith-based summer camp programs located within NYS and approved by their church. Payments will be made within two weeks of receipt of the request. (Request for payment can be made from May-September.) For the application form, [click here](#). Or contact Cheri in the church office.



VBC is coming. Wait! What's VBC? Vacation Bible Camp. Formerly Vacation Bible School (VBS). We want all of you to know -- those of you with kids, those of you with grandkids, those of you with nieces and nephews, and those of you who just know people who have kids or grandkids or nieces/nephews, etc. It is open to all and we hope you will share the information.

VBC will take place in the evenings from Sunday, July 23 through Wednesday, July 26 from 5:30 - 7:30pm on the grounds of Christ Lutheran Church, 94 North Broad Street here in Norwich. Folks from several local churches are working to make it all happen, and this year's theme is ***Holy Ever After***. There will even be a large outdoor tent at the church.

There will also be a call for volunteers shortly; feel free to notify the church office now, though, if this is something in which you are interested.

We do have one specific volunteer request already: we have been asked if anyone would be willing to help grill hot dogs and/or bring a grill for the grilling of hot dogs for the final day of VBC on Wednesday, July 26. Please let the office know as soon as possible.



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