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**March 23**

**Rev. Ryan Henderson will share the  
word with us during worship.**

**Pot Luck Lunch after the service.**

**Details to follow!**

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# From the Pastor

Rev. James K. Boodley

## 'Woke' Jesus

There's a sentiment in some Christian circles that congregations embracing Jesus as being "woke," is "...the single greatest threat to the modern church since the first century." <sup>1</sup> In some political circles, being woke about – anything – is as roundly criticized and considered to be as much of a threat to the American way of life as Communism was during the McCarthy era in the 1950s. What then does being "woke" mean in the manner it's being used today?

According to Elaine Richardson, Professor of Literacy Studies at Ohio State, "It comes out of Black culture. In simple terms, it just means being politically conscious and aware, like 'stay woke'... It comes out of the experience of Black people of knowing that you have to be conscious of the politics of race, class, gender, systemic racism, ways that society is stratified and not equal."<sup>2</sup>

As for how being woke applies to Jesus and Christianity, we have to go back to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century theologian, Walter Rauschenbusch, of Colgate Rochester Divinity School. He popularized the concept of the social gospel, that the central focus of Christ's ministry and our ongoing focus as Christians were to care for "the least of these" in society. That is, being woke to the plight of the poor.

"Isn't that obvious," we might ask? After all, at the start of his ministry, Jesus announced he had been anointed by God to "bring Good News to the poor, to proclaim release of the captives, recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who have been bruised, to proclaim that the year which everyone has waited for has come." He later made it clear the top two commandments were to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves.

As has happened with other Black-oriented concepts in current American culture (ie., "Black Lives Matter" and Critical Race Theory), being woke has stirred up racist resentments, especially among conservative white American Evangelicals. Add a rainbow banner and it's obvious a congregation has gone to the dark side by becoming woke. (*Oops!*)

In reading through arguments made against Christian "wokeness," a central point is that a pastor, congregation, denomination, and theology *must* follow biblical teaching and *only* biblical teaching to be considered legitimate. From my perspective, that eliminates the guidance of the Holy Spirit in our lives as Christians. Jesus told his disciples that after he was gone, God would send another, an advocate or helper to continue reminding us of the lessons he tried to teach humanity during the course of his ministry. Jesus also made clear that disrespecting the Holy Spirit was the only sin that would never be forgiven. Both would seem to be very compelling reasons to continue listening to and respecting the Holy Spirit.

That doesn't mean ignoring what we learn from Scripture, however, it does mean we don't make an idol out of the Bible. Time and again, Scripture makes clear we're to care for the homeless, hungry, naked, those in prison, and to welcome the strangers among us. (I'll preach on Jesus' sermon on the mount in a few weeks.) That sense of empathy for the plight of "the least of these" is the essence of Jesus' ministry and of being woke. If making a choice between listening to what the Holy Spirit *continues* to tell us about being authentic students of the Risen Christ – or – getting caught up in a politically-inspired mindset, my suggestion is we stick with the former and say "no thanks" to the latter.

In faith – and in hope,  
J.K.

### Insomnia Insight: We're All Here to Help.

I haven't had a full night's sleep in decades. Chronic insomnia. I eventually realized the thoughts waking me up at 3 a.m. were insights from my subconscious / the universe / almost certainly God. The ancients considered that time of night to be when the veil between our sense of reality and a greater reality was the thinnest. Keeping an iPad within reach, I often write down whatever insomnia insights present themselves. Often what makes sense at 3 a.m. doesn't hold up at 10 a.m. My latest has held up in daylight and I've found to be enormously helpful:

(1/26, 3:50 a.m.) Do you understand or are even aware of all that makes up your entire self? The same is true with everything else. We're all part of a universal consciousness / experience. It's all connected: past; present; future; living; dead; all that was, is, or ever will be.

When one part of the system is in pain or is unhealthy, the rest responds to assist. Pathogens will always arise that require an immune response. They're nothing personal or unusual; they're merely part of the experience. Our maintaining / building our own health and strength helps reinforce the health and strength of the entire system. When we're healthy, we're literally part of the universal immune response to that which is unhealthy.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.christianity.com/church/is-it-our-responsibility-as-christians-to-leave-a-woke-church.html>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.npr.org/2023/07/19/1188543449/what-does-the-word-woke-really-mean-and-where-does-it-come-from>

# From the Moderator

Pete Williams

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Here we are through the end of the first month of the new year. This is the time when most new year resolutions have fallen by the wayside and people have gotten back into their normal routines of getting through each day. I would like to take this opportunity to bring you up to speed with some activities and opportunities we have in store for us at the church. For the ones who have not been in the church recently, we have now purchased and installed an AED (automatic external defibrillator) which is available in case of an emergency. Along with that we had a CPR/AED training class for any church members and have several folks trained and qualified for the operation of this unit.

There are several opportunities/projects in our future that have the opportunity for folks to get involved with work, both to be recognized in the community and to help people that may be less fortunate than us. If you have heard me talk at our meetings, you have heard me say a time or two that I feel the church, with its financial resources, is active in helping projects with financial support but when it comes to bodies and hands-on support, I feel we fall short. I do understand that there are some reasons for this but I am raising a several opportunities where someone can lend a hand and not feel overburdened with a ton of work.

This year we have budgeted money to upgrade our kitchen area here at the church. This area is used by many organizations throughout the year, as well as by us Sunday mornings. We would like input from all that use this space for consideration when making decisions going forward and will be reaching out these other organizations for their responses. In addition, we would like some people closer to the kitchen work to help with the design and to assess the current china, glassware, place settings, pot & pans, and kitchen utensils as to what is necessary or a desire to keep and store. When looking forward to cabinet space and storage needs, we need to be aware of what we really need. Other considerations to think about is floor finish, wall color, electrical outlet needs, and lighting. Please consider lending your expertise or opinion or even to attend a meeting to discuss with all involved. Support would be appreciated.

As most of you know we financially support the Broad Street United Methodist Church with its monthly community dinner. I would like to open up the opportunity for anyone to contact them or speak with me for information on how to get involved with the preparation and distribution of these meals. This is an easy way to be a part of our "final exam test" mentioned numerous times by J.K. We can help feed the hungry even if it as simple as a conversation during their time at this event.

Thanks to Jane Prime and her observations, I have initiated actions to determine ownership of the signs at both the north and south ends of the city which display the faith organizations within the city. These signs are in poor shape with the one at the south end starting to fall down. I am proposing to organize a plan to restore these signs. Restoring these signs will send the message that our faith organizations are an important part of our community. I have reached out to my friends at the Elks Club here in Norwich for a possible joint effort in the restoration of these signs. There is much support from our organizations to make this happen and will be looking for anyone to lend a hand with this endeavor in the future. We are in the early stages of this project but when the weather gets nicer, we will be doing something about this. Please consider how you may support this project.

The Church leadership is making an open invitation to a new member orientation process for anyone interested. This invitation is open to all ages who may want to officially become a member of the church or just renew their faith commitment. Details of exactly what this will entail is still in the works, but if there is any interest in becoming a new member or if you would like more information on what that may look like, speak to either J.K. or myself. I have been assured by J.K. that this will be painless and not be drawn out into a time-consuming lengthy process.

Finally, if it has not yet started, you will be seeing some equipment in the parking lot as we have a project going on in the basement of the church to attempt to address a couple of issues. There are several support posts that are in need of replacing as well as work to put down a moisture barrier to attempt to minimize the humidity level in the area. The moisture in this area has a way of working up into the building and, unfortunately, into the organ components, which is really not a good thing. Last year there were a couple projects to attempt to address the water leaking through the basement walls contributing to this issue. These have been completed and this moisture barrier is the next item on our list to address this issue.

I conclude my message with a big **Thank You** to the over 20 action committees that do a bunch of the work within the church. It has been 6 months since we transitioned to our one leadership structure and things seem to be working to keep the wheels turning. As always, I will say that there is always something to get involved with if you have any desire. The one quote of my mother's I will continue to share:

*"Many Hands Make Light Work."*



# Music Ministries

## Mary Williams, Director

The Bell Choir will resume rehearsals this month and are scheduled to ring during worship on February 23 and March 2.

The Choir will be working on a few virtual anthems in the weeks to come. This format allows musicians from other churches and those who live out of town, or have other roles on Sunday mornings, to participate with us. We widen the circle of outreach and fellowship by including all who are interested. This format is of great benefit to our choir and congregation as well, as it allows us to present a singing ensemble that is much larger than would be possible on a Sunday morning!



### Cantata Wrap Up

The performance of *The Star Arising* by Joseph Martin on December 15 was well attended in person and on the livestream. The free-will offering for the Christmas Fund took in \$175. Below are photos of the choir waiting to perform in the pews, and “on-stage”. Thank you to everyone who participated.



### Music Lessons Scholarship Fund



It's the start of a new year, new endeavors, and a renewed Music Scholarship fund. We are here to help.

Please keep your eyes and ears open for anyone who may need assistance with their private music lesson fees. The process for signing up is simple - contact the church office to apply - 607-334-3434 or [office@uccnorwichny.org](mailto:office@uccnorwichny.org). Applications are also available on the [church website](#). Scan this QR code to go the application.



# Children and Family Ministries

Ericka Tyler, Director

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Here's what we're learning for January and February 2025:

### JANUARY - BENEATH THE SURFACE: A 4-Week Series from the Gospels on Identity

Who do you think you are? You might define your identity by the things people see on the surface — like your style, your look, your abilities, or your reputation. Those things might have something to do with who you are, but they don't quite capture the whole picture, do they? For each of us, there is always so much more to who we are beneath the surface. But who are we, really? How can we discover who God made us to be? And how can following Jesus shape who we're becoming? In this four-week series, we'll look at four moments from the early years of Jesus' life. As we do, we'll see how God helps us discover who we're becoming and how God's words help us discover who we are. We'll also learn how the right relationships help us discover how to grow and how Jesus helps us discover purpose.

### FEBRUARY- RHYTHM: A 4-Week Series from 1 & 2 Corinthians on Spiritual Growth

For a lot of us, music is a central part of our lives. In the car, at school, or walking through a store, music gives us a steady rhythm that plays in the background. But the predictable beats and patterns of our favorite songs can do more than just entertain or inspire us — they can teach us something about growing closer to Jesus, too. While growing in our faith can sometimes feel difficult to measure, the right rhythms can help us keep moving in the right direction. In this four-week series, we'll explore passages of Scripture from the Gospels, epistles, and Psalms that help us develop spiritual rhythms that help us grow. Together, we'll be challenged to create more predictable patterns in four key ways: by creating rhythms for spending time with God, using our gifts, sharing our stories, and spending time with others.

## FREE 2B ME YOUTH GROUP

We currently have 3 very active members. We have 1 potential member who plans to visit soon! The group loves to play card games, color, and listen to music. They also enjoy playing with our group mascot Xiva. Two of the members participated in the church potluck and un-decorating of the church. I would like to talk to the group about possibly doing a small outreach/mission project for the community. This might be something we could even do during our youth group time.

**FREE  
2B  
ME** Youth Group

Grades 5 - 12  
LGBTQ+ and Allies

607-334-3434



join us

## CHENANGO VALLEY HOME MONTHLY WORSHIP SERVICES

24 Canasawacta St., Norwich

**February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4**

*New start time 12:45 p.m.*

Everyone is encouraged to join Pastor JK and our musicians in providing fellowship and adding voices to the hymn singing.










# Advent Services

(screenshots from our videos)



# ♥♥♥ FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:00am Nursery 10:00am Worship/ Communion Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 12:30pm Youth Group 12:45pm Service at Chenango Valley Home	3 2:00pm Tai Chi, Founders Rm.	4 9:00am AARP Tax Training, Founders Rm. 1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen 1:00pm Worship Team, Mayflower Rm. 5:15pm Free Dinner at St. Bart's Catholic Church	5 9:00am AARP Tax Training, Founders Rm. 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Nave	6 	7	8 9:30am Piecemakers Super Sew Saturday, Founders Rm.
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16 9:00am Nursery 10:00am Worship Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 12:30pm Youth Group	17 <b>Presidents' Day</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i>  1 Corinthians 13:4	18 1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen 5:15pm Free Dinner at St. Bart's Catholic Church	19 9:00am AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm., Kitchen 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 4:00pm Laundry Love Assistance at Byrne Dairy 6:00pm Democratic Committee, Founders Rm. 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal, Nave	20 9:00am AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm., Kitchen 5:00pm Free Meal at Emmanuel Episcopal Church 6:00pm Helping Hands Give- away, YMCA	21 	22 9:00am Free Diaper Distribution at First Baptist Church
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The Norwich Muslim Community meets upstairs every evening and Friday afternoon.



## Letters - Emails - Notes

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Dear Friends at UCC,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude on behalf of those participating in our community Advent Study. Your generous act of purchasing the participant guides has been a tremendous help and is greatly appreciated.

Rev. Mary Rublee, Pastor  
Broad Street United Methodist Church

Dear Members of UCC,

On behalf of the volunteers and clients that are part of Our Daily Bread Food Pantry, we want to thank you for the generous donation that you made in late December. The money donated will be used for the purchase of food for the pantry. We certainly appreciate your continued support for Our Daily Bread.

We are now giving our families a 5-day/15-meal package and we have increased the amount of milk that we give each household on the milk voucher. We have decided to continue to prepack the food for now. Our clients continue to be grateful for the food and milk we are able to give them.

We continue to see a need for the food and milk that the pantry is able to provide to families on a monthly basis. With the increase in food and gas prices, we have seen an increase in the number of families coming to the pantry for the past few months. In November, we provided food to 178 households, consisting of 540 people and in December to 163 families/449 people. We are happy that we can be there to assist families.

Barbara and Gary Tompkins, Co-Coordiators  
Our Daily Bread Food Pantry.

Dear UCC,

Thank you for your gift of money in remembrance of Homer. Your thoughtfulness and prayers are much appreciated.

The Burch Family

*[Editor's Note: the furnace in this home was emitting carbon monoxide and the church provided heaters and a fan to maintain the home at a minimum temperature during sub-zero weather.]*

Dear Deacon Committee,

After spending the better part of two days trying to get through regulatory "red tape" to remedy the dangerous and life threatening conditions in my home, your parish helped me to restore my home to a safe environment in a very short amount of time without requiring any written proof or documents to delay the situation any further. I want to thank you and your Church again for your assistance and I will not forget my good experience with your parish. Should one of your church or community members need some form of help with something that you think I might be able to assist them with, please do not hesitate to ask.

(Name withheld to preserve privacy)

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your thoughtful donation to the Danielle House Angel Fund. Your kindness means so much to families needing a homelike and healing environment as they navigate healthcare concerns especially during this time of uncertainty in our world. For your information, there is no charge to stay at the Danielle House, only a suggested donation. If that is not possible your gift, in essence, takes care of their stay and helps our missions to continue.

Over the course of 23 years our Angel Fund has been an invaluable resource enabling Danielle House to offer more than 12,000 individuals temporary lodging at minimal or no cost while they or a loved one receive medical care far from their own home.

The greatest "present" you can give at Christmas at any time of the year, is your gift of "presence" and that is what Danielle House has given our guest families... the opportunity for them to be present with those they love and care for. No matter the situation, all of our families leave with the same thoughts and feelings: someone cared and someone walked this new journey with them... the essence of Danielle House.

Diane Stento, Founder/Executive Director  
Danielle House



Dear UCC,

On behalf of Hospice & Palliative Care of Chenango County, I would like to thank you for your generous donation. With the support of people like you, our organization has been caring for our community since 1991. As the demand for our services continues to grow, your contribution enables us to provide quality care, comfort, support and relief to terminally ill patients and their families in Chenango County, regardless of ability to pay. Your generosity does not go unnoticed and reflects the true "Neighbors caring for neighbors" spirit of Hospice Care. We appreciate you and we hope you, and your family stay healthy and safe in these uncertain times.

Please keep in mind that our organization provides grief services and counseling to anyone in Chenango County, free of charge. In time of crisis this resource is valuable and crucial to our entire community. Thank you.

Cassandra Pfoh  
Hospice & Palliative Care of Chenango County

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Family Planning of South Central New York. With your support, more individuals in Broome, Cortland, Chenango, Delaware, and Otsego can access affordable, high quality reproductive medical care and comprehensive sexual health education.

Your donation helps so many, including a patient who visited us recently: "My provider was super honest about my birth control options and walked me through each one. She made it clear that, while she had a recommendation, the choice was totally up to me. I felt comfortable and relaxed the whole time."

Your investment empowers a brighter future for individuals in our community. We're so grateful you're with us. Thanks for your generous support. Happy New Year.

Debra Marcus, Chief Executive Officer  
Family Planning of SCNY

Dear UCC,

We recently received your donation. In September we completed a rehab project at 17 Conkey Avenue in Norwich. Our next project will be a whole house renovation on Railroad Street in the Village of New Berlin. A typical Habitat House measure 1200-1300 square feet. The New Berlin house, being considerably larger, will allow us to serve a larger family in need.

Donations such as yours make these kinds of efforts to help God's people in need possible. Thank you for your generosity.

Robert Davis, Vice-President  
Chenango County Habitat for Humanity

Dear UCC,

On behalf of Greater Opportunities for Broome and Chenango, Inc., I want to express our sincere appreciation for the donation that you have provided to our agency. Your generosity has assisted our organization in meeting our mission. In the past year, Greater Opportunities programs have served 2,281 individuals and 778 families. This is due in no small part to the donations received from our community and now yourself. The donations allow us to provide more quality services throughout our programs.

Thank you again for your generous support!

Christine Monsen, Fiscal Director  
Greater Opportunities



## Free AARP Tax Preparation Services



The AARP Foundation's TaxAide program is once again offering free preparation of federal and New York State income tax returns for individuals of all ages and income levels. Tax preparation services will be available by appointment only from February 10 to April 14 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in our Founders Room. No walk-ins will be accepted.

Although some individuals with low incomes may not be required to file taxes, the AARP encourages everyone to file annually to claim potential tax credits and to guard against identity theft, which can occur if someone files a fraudulent return using your Social Security number.

While the service is free, donations to the AARP Foundation are welcome. The TaxAide program can assist with most tax returns, but certain complex situations may not be included, such as foreclosures, farms, rental income, businesses, self-employment with offsetting expenses, 1099-K income with offsetting expenses, energy tax credits, and digital currency transactions.

To book an appointment, contact the Chenango County Area Agency on Aging weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at (607) 337-1781.



## Living Psalm 15 (Epiphany 4A)

written by Rev. Michelle L. Torigian, Senior Pastor, St. Paul UCC, Belleville, IL.

(From the *Living Psalms Book*, a collection of the Psalms reinterpreted in poetry and art as a reflection of God's work of justice and compassion in our midst today.)

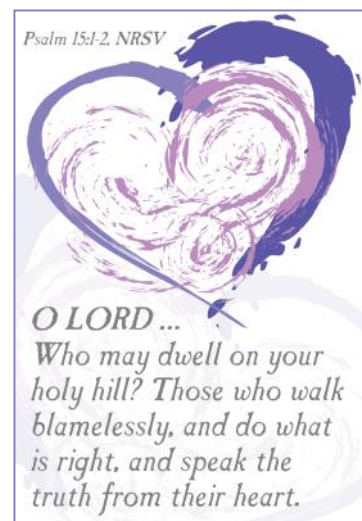
Who may abide in your sacred spaces, O God?  
Must I walk blamelessly and always do what's right?  
Must I be perfect in the manner in which I live?

Instead, you ask that we speak our truth, our authenticity from the depths of our souls-  
That we live in kindness by speaking graciously with our tongues  
And treat friend and stranger equally.

You ask that our neighbors know only love from our hearts and hands.  
We stand by our covenants with our entire minds and souls,  
And strive for economic justice throughout our world.

Through faithfulness, we build your realm of equity-  
Of care for the ones who hurt,  
Of inclusion for our marginalized siblings,  
And of justice for all disenfranchised people.

Through our ways of living,  
As we craft your realm of equity, justice, and love,  
All of us will find our peace in your presence.



**Living Psalms Book** is created by UCC Witness & Worship Artists' Group, a Network of UCC connected artists, activists and ministers bridging the worship and liturgy of the local church with witness and action in the community. Maren Tirabassi, editor

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# 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, Russia, Israel, Gaza, Haiti



- ◇ **Martha O'Keefe** and her family for the loss of her husband, **Bob O'Keefe** on January 22, 2025.
- ◇ The family and loved ones of **Jeff Gray** (son of Gary and Vicki Gray) who died on November 12, 2024.



## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Betty Yeahl
- 6 Rose Laughlin
- 16 Audrey Aitken
- 17 Jason Yantz
- 22 Norma Kinney
- 28 Gwendolyn Breese

## ANNIVERSARIES

John Brereton and Cynthia Maynerd 2/4/19

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23<sup>rd</sup>



COMMUNITY DINNER

**MENU:** *Chicken Cordon Bleu on a bun, stuffing, broccoli salad and peanut butter fudge*

**LOCATION:** Broad St. Methodist Church  
74 North Broad St. Next to YMCA

**DINE AT 5:00 PM TAKE OUT AT 5:30 PM**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**







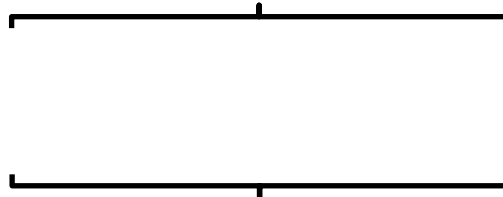
## ATTENTION! High School Seniors & College Students

United Church of Christ, First Congregational, Norwich, NY has a long history of gifts bequeathed by former members and memorial gifts given by family and friends. Scholarship amounts vary up to \$1,000.

### General Information

- The successful candidates will be chosen by the Memorial Gifts Scholarship Committee.
- Scholarships can be used for post-secondary undergraduate education.
- Preference will be given to UCC members, UCC employees, and the children/grandchildren of UCC members and UCC employees.
- Awards for graduating seniors will be presented at the Dollars for Scholars Presentation.
- The awards will be made on character, service, scholarship and financial considerations. Some awards have additional criteria as noted.

Applications will be available from the church office or online at [www.uccnorwichny.org/links](http://www.uccnorwichny.org/links) after February 15. ~~Deadline for applications is April 15.~~ **Correction - Deadline is March 30.**



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