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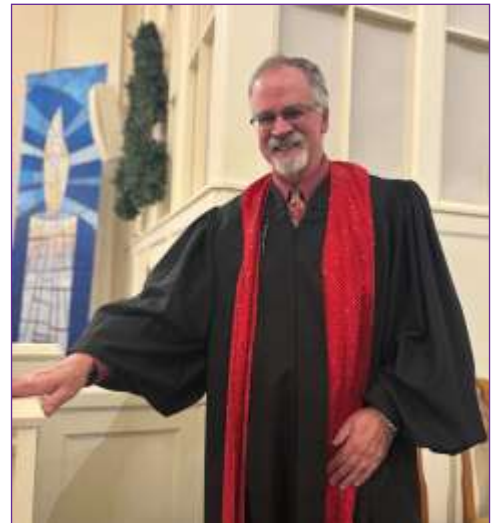
CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (Closed for lunch 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.)
Friday
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, 10:00 a.m. in the Nave
[Click here for live stream.](#)

Ministers: All the People
Pastor: Rev. James K. Boodley
Moderator: Pete Williams
Director of Music Ministries: Mary Williams
Organist: David Burch
Director of Children/Youth Ministries: Ericka Tyler
Parish Coordinator: Cheri Oakley
Financial Assistant: Jennifer Mallozzi
Sexton: Eric Burgher



Join us for an All Church Potluck Luncheon on March 30 after the service. We will be celebrating Pastor J.K. Boodley's one year anniversary with us, so there will be ice cream cake!



Rev. Ryan Henderson, NY Conference Associate Minister, will be with us that morning to preach the word and to talk about the Pastoral Search process. Bring a dish to pass. Drinks and tableware provided.

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From the Pastor

Rev. James K. Boodley



Lunar Eclipse & New Beginnings

Viewing conditions for last month's lunar eclipse were just about perfect: a clear night sky (rare this time of year in upstate NY), relatively warm, minimal breeze. In setting up my camera, I thought, "Let's see what happens." Getting sharp shots of the moon has always been a challenge for me, so when my first photos came out, I was surprised. "Well, how about that? It worked!" Fiddling around with my camera settings, I chased the moon across the sky ("Just hold still already!"), and finally got some shots I really liked. After about 20 minutes, I went inside, my dog looking at me with a sleepy expression, "What *are* you doing?!"

After reviewing the photos I'd taken, I went out with binoculars to watch more of the eclipse. By then, the moon had begun to clear the Earth's shadow, becoming noticeably brighter along its edge. Looking at the moon with binoculars is a very different experience than watching it through a camera lens. It looks more three-dimensional, which is to be expected with binoculars. As the moon emerged from the Earth's shadow, it was also obvious everything was moving: the Earth's shadow across the moon, the moon across the night sky as the Earth rotated. Being aware of those movements made me realize, "I'm watching a tiny part of our universe actually move – and the rest of the universe is moving, too." For a moment, I had the sensation of being part of the ride, part of everything else that was out there. In short, a feeling of awe. And whatever issues humanity was facing at that moment felt insignificant, in comparison. (Except for climate change, that's a slow-motion world-scale disaster.)

Since then, whenever I've seen the moon at night, I've greeted it, "Welcome back!" After escaping the Earth's shadow, the moon has continued moving through space – and we along with it – doing what both have done for millions of years. Oddly, that also comes with a sense of a new beginning. There was "before the eclipse" and "after the eclipse." Spring feels that way, too. After a cold, dark winter, the world around us takes on new life. Easter has that quality, as well. There's Jesus' life and ministry before he died then his post-resurrection experience with his disciples and what we presume to be with us now.

While we don't have celestial binoculars to observe how Jesus' and our lives are interconnected, we do have the Holy Spirit to guide us. That was a promise Jesus made to his followers – and to us: *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever... I have said these things while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."* (John 14:15-16, 25-27)

That's so good for us to take to heart and keep in mind as we get ready to celebrate Easter.

In hope and faith,

J.K.

Changes to the Church's Security

In consideration of the safety of our congregation and visitors, and after several months of deliberation, the Executive Council and Building Security Action Committee have decided to secure the church doors during church services. For the past several months (if not longer) we have had the doors locked at all times and have required a person to manually override the lock to allow access to the church building. We now will be utilizing the **church's security system to unlock these doors on the schedule and times defined below. These changes will go into effect on Sunday April 27, 2025.**

We have purchased key fobs for members and individuals who have a need to enter the building at times when it may be secured. We understand there are situations that cannot be anticipated and with staff here in the building during the week (most days), access can be granted by just pressing the button at either door. We are asking that anyone who does not have a fob currently, contact Cheri at the office and request a fob with specific access needs so the fob can be customized and programmed to allow access for the times desired. Routine access for Sunday services will be programmed into the system to unlock the door for normal entry Sunday morning.

Starting Sunday, April 27nd for Sunday services, the system will be programmed to unlock both doors at 8:45 and lock again at 10:05. The doors will again be unlocked between the times of 11:00 and 11:40 for visitors to coffee hour or for entry for the members of the Bell Choir for rehearsal. Anyone with a key fob will be able to enter the building on Sunday mornings outside these times via the use of the key fob. These times may be adjusted in the coming weeks if conflicts arise or times are not appropriate.

The schedule for Monday through Saturday will be for the system to have the doors locked at all times and will require the key fob to be used for entry. Specific people requiring entry during the week will be given access via the key fob by requesting authorization for times desired, through the church office (Cheri Oakley).

For community events the doors may be manually overridden by locking the crash bar to the open position but we are asking for these groups to be aware of people accessing the facility to ensure people are entering for **a specific purpose and not to "wander around"**.

For all other groups that use the facility, it is the intention that one or both of these doors do not remain unlocked and open without a process of monitoring the access.

Anyone requiring access to the church during normally locked status should contact Cheri Oakley at the church office for authorization and appropriate system configuration

If anyone has questions on the procedures for accessing the church building please contact Chris McSweeney or Pete Williams to answer any questions you may have.

New Door Sign for the Bell Choir Rehearsal Room



Building Improvements by Building & Grounds Committee

Submitted by Pete Williams

Over the last few years, there have been many improvements and upgrades to the church building. Some of these have been right in the open for all to see, such as security cameras, new ceiling throughout, new carpet, and auto security system which keeps the building more secure. I would like to focus today on some building improvements that you may not have seen or been aware of. Last year during routine maintenance on the organ, the organ tech brought to our attention that moisture from the basement of the church was causing concerns with the integrity of the organ components and we should consider some remediation actions. After looking at options to address exactly what this may look like, a plan was developed to address this moisture concern.

This plan consisted of four individual projects which all contributed to either controlling the water from the roof or creating a barrier so moisture would not enter up from the dirt floor in the basement area. Upon inspection in the basement with the contractor, another issue with the deterioration of the current support pillars was identified which needed to be addressed. So, a plan was developed. Last Nov/Dec work was done outside the back of the church to dig a drainage ditch and install a drainage system to handle the water from between the two buildings and direct it to the appropriate system to take it away from the basement. This project also involved removing the existing air inlet to the air handling system and installing a more secure system which eliminates much of the water from that point of entry. You may have noticed the gooseneck inlet in the back of the building when you were entering. If not take a look next to the storage shed the next time you are coming in.

The next couple of projects have been rolled together and have been completed this early spring. The support **pillars installed under the Nave have been replaced with massive 10"X10" pillars. Concrete footers were poured** with the pillars installed and are now supporting the expanse of the Nave from below. The next phase of the project was to clear all unneeded clutter and somewhat level out the dirt and stone floor of the basement and install plastic sheeting as a moisture barrier. The final step was to have spray-foam insulation sprayed on the exterior walls and any area where potential moisture could get past the barrier and into this space. I am happy to announce that these projects are now complete and if anyone would like to take a field trip to the basement to inspect the work themselves, just let Chris McSweeney or myself know and we will be glad to escort you through the basement to this area. Below are some before and after pictures of this work. Many thanks to Chris McSweeney for managing this work and addressing this critical maintenance work.

Before Pictures



After Pictures



One additional project that was not anticipated, which was of much importance, was also completed this spring. A joint in the section of existing cast sewer line running across the basement section to the main septic line out of the building was showing signs of a leak as well as had sagged to not allow proper drainage. We chose to replace this line with PVC pipe which is the standard in all construction these days. This has eliminated any potential disastrous failure with the sewer system at the building. Again, thanks to Chris for getting this done.

I thought this work is important enough to let everyone know about these improvements and maintenance updates even though not many would even know this work was done

A big THANK YOU to Chris McSweeney for all the work he does.

Worship Planning Team

In the Spirit of Community Outreach and Christian Unity

On Sunday, April 6th, Pastor Boodley, along with our musicians and communion stewards, will offer a service of worship with our friends at the Chenango Valley Home. All are welcome to join us for a time of fellowship at noon followed by a short service beginning at 12:45.

The Palm Sunday tradition of ecumenical worship continues during Lent and Holy Week. On Palm Sunday, April 13th, **our congregation plans to join with the congregation of the Broad Street Methodist Church in celebrating Jesus'** triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Rev. Ryan Henderson, Associate Minister of the NY Conference of the United Church of Christ, will be leading the service with participation from Pastor Carl Johnson, who is filling in at the Methodist Church. There will be palms along with music from the bell choir and an anthem from the combined choirs, followed by fellowship hour.

Moving forward into Holy Week, our church will host a Good Friday service on April 18th at 7:00 p.m. Our friends at Christ Lutheran church will join us in our worship space. Pastor Laura Wade and Pastor J.K. will share in leading the service.

On April 20th at 10:00 a.m., we will Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. We will also celebrate the addition of three new members to the congregation: Naomi and Heavenly Mahaffey and Joe Phelps. So much to celebrate!



Search Committee Development

The time has come for our congregation to start moving forward with a search for a settled pastor. Thanks to the work of the Transition Committee, significant progress is being made to update the church profile, which is the first step in preparation for a search. The Executive Council is seeking individuals interested in serving on the Pastoral Search Committee. According to the current By Laws, the number of members is to be seven, with up to 2 members carrying over from the Transition Committee. These positions are open to any member of the church, and we intend to have a representation of the population of our congregation from age to length of membership. If you are interested in serving on this important committee, please contact Cheri in the church office or a member of the Executive Council.



New Communion Procedure

Beginning April 6, in addition to the communion kits, we will offer bread and grape juice for communion. Those who choose the bread and juice, parishioners will be able to come forward and dip their bread in the juice. Those unable to come forward, will be served at their seats.



Will You Answer?







At the June Annual Meeting, we will have a congregational vote to approve the Executive Council members for 2025-2026. Members serve one-year terms and there is an expected vacancy of three positions in June. The Executive Council is made up of three officers -- Moderator, Vice Moderator, and Immediate Past Moderator-- and seven members-at-large. The Pastor participates in discussions and offers spiritual guidance to the group and is an ex-officio member, as is the Clerk of the Church.

The Nominating Committee (Deb Phelps, Jane Prime, Miranda Hunter) is working to fill the open positions of Vice Moderator and two members-at-large. The Executive Council generally meets once a month to oversee the spiritual life of the church, stewardship of church finances and property and matters of policy. Members are also serve on one or more Action Committees.

Please prayerfully consider “answering the call” and serving on the Executive Council. If you would like more information or are interested in serving on the Executive Council, please contact Cheri in the church office or a member of the Nominating Committee.

APRIL

The Norwich Muslim Community meets upstairs every evening and Friday afternoon

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 April Fools Day 1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen 4:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave 5:15pm Free Dinner at St. Bart's Catholic Church (doors open at 4)	2 9:00am AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm., Kitchen 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 7:00pm Choir	3 9:00am AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm., Kitchen 4:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave	4	5
6 9:00am Nursery 10:00am Worship/ Communion, Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 12:30pm Youth Group 12:45pm Service at Chenango Valley Home 1:30pm Chenango Change, Founders Rm. 7:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave	7 9:00am AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm., Kitchen 10:00am Knitting, Mayflower Rm. 2:00pm Tai Chi, Mayflower Rm. 7:00pm Blue Parsley Boys, Nave. See p. 11.	8 1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen 4:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave 5:00 p.m. Pride Alliance Mtg., Founders Rm. 5:15pm Free Dinner at St. Bart's Catholic Church (doors open at 4)	9 9:00am AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm., Kitchen 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 7:00pm Choir 	10 1:00pm Piecemakers Monthly Meeting, Founders Rm. 4:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave	11 9:00am AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm.	12
13 Palm Sunday 10:00am Service starting at BSUMC and moving to UCC Coffee Hour see p. 11. No Sunday School 12:30pm Youth Group 1:30pm Chenango Change, 7:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave	14 9:00am AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm. 2:00pm Tai Chi, Mayflower Rm.	15 1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen 4:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave 7:00pm Executive Council, Chapel, Zoom 5:15pm Free Dinner at St. Bart's Catholic Church (doors open at 4)	16 9:00am AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm., Kitchen 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 4:00pm Laundry Love at Byrne Dairy 6:00pm Democratic Comm., Founders Rm. 7:00pm Choir	Maundy Thursday 9:00am AARP Tax Prep, Founders Rm., Kitchen 4:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave 5:00pm Free meal at Emmanuel Episcopal 6:00 p.m. Helping Hands Giveaway, YMCA	Good Friday 7:00 p.m. Joint Service with Christ Lutheran Church, UCC Nave 	Holy Saturday 
20 Easter 9:00am Nursery 10:00am Worship. 11:00am Coffee Hour Christ Is Risen! 	21 Church Office Closed 10:00am Knitting Group 2:00pm Tai Chi	22 1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen 4:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave 5:15pm Free Dinner at St. Bart's Catholic Church (doors open at 4)	23 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom	24 4:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave	25	26 9:00am (until 11:00am) Fourth Saturday Diaper Give-away at First Baptist Church
27 9:00am Nursery 10:00am Worship. Sunday School 11:00am Coffee Hour 12:30pm Youth Group 1:30pm Chenango Change, Founders Rm.	28 2:00 p.m. Tai Chi, Founders Rm. 5:00pm Town & Country Garden Club, Founders Rm.	29 1:00pm Piecemakers, Kitchen 4:00pm M. Maholchic, Nave 5:15pm Free Dinner at St. Bart's Catholic Church (doors open at 4)	30 10:00am Prayer Circle, Zoom 			



COLLECTION OF ITEMS FOR AUNT MARY'S HOUSE

Aunt Mary's House is a new organization in the Norwich community whose mission is to provide a safe haven for pregnant and parenting young mothers. Aunt Mary's House (AMH) will meet the basic needs and alleviate the burden of crisis on a mother and her children by providing them with shelter, nutritious food, independent living skill-building, case management, employment and educational services and access to medical care in a safe environment. By helping mothers meet their basic needs, AMH aims to assist residents in developing the skills necessary to live independently and be self-sufficient.

This is a list food and supplies that will help Aunt Mary's House be ready for the first residents in the program. If you would like to donate, bring items in to the church and place them in the barrel in the Founders Room. We will be collecting throughout Lent.

cereal (*low sugar*)

oatmeal

canned soup

applesauce

granola bars

canned beans

graham crackers

peanut butter & jelly

canned veggies

canned fruit

dried fruit

hot cocoa

pasta

tomato sauce

pancake mix

crackers

flour

sugar

women's deodorant (*aluminum-free*)

shampoo

conditioner

toothpaste

toothbrushes

cocoa butter lotion

feminine products

shaving gel

foaming hand soap

hand sanitizer

diapers & wipes

diaper ointment

antibiotic ointment

13 gal garbage bags

4 gal garbage bags

Ziplock bags- *snack, sandwich, quart & gallon sizes*

toilet bowl cleaner

dishwasher pods

laundry pods/dryer sheets (*dye/scent free*)

AAA batteries

AA batteries

There is also an option to order items directly from their Amazon Wish List:

<https://auntmaryshouse.net/donate/#amazon>

New York State Cancer Services Program of the Southern Tier

This is a program that provides breast, cervical and colorectal cancer screening at NO COST to people who:

- Live in New York State
- Do not have health insurance
- Have health insurance with a cost share that makes the cost of screening too high
- Meet program rules for age and income

The Cancer Services Program (CSP) provides cancer screening, follow-up tests and help getting treatment and support services. This includes paying for screenings, follow up tests and if breast, cervical or colorectal cancer is found, the CSP helps those who meet program rules enroll in the NYS Medicaid Cancer Treatment Program (MCTP). You may qualify for MCTP even if you don't qualify for standard Medicaid.

CSP can also help you find transportation and other assistance to get to your screening appointment, and provides case management and help finding support services for patients and their families.

Our local CSP is The Cancer Services Program of the Southern Tier and can be reached at 607-778-3900. Or call 1-866-442-2262. Brochures with more details are available on the table outside the office.



Would you like to be more involved in one or more of the outreach ministries of our church? Do you, or someone you know outside of our church, have a special skill, interest, talent, or expertise? Being on one of the Action Committees might be a great fit for you. Anyone can participate on most Action Committees including members and non-members of the church, friends and family, or members of the community. Currently, the following committees are looking for additional members: Local Missions (looking for a facilitator), and Stewardship. If you would like more information, or to be added as a member of one of these committees, please speak to **the group's facilitator or let Cheri know in the church office.**

Listed here are the various Action Committees that are currently active, each one of which reports regularly back to the Executive Council. Names underlined indicate the facilitator of the group. Names in **bold** report to the Executive Council.

- **Budget and Finance** - Bob Oehme, Bridget Rice, Pete Williams
- **Building Safety and Security** - Norma Kinney, Chris McSweeney, Bob Oehme, Pete Williams
- **Care Partners/Cheer Writers/Visitation** - Pat Burke, Norma Kinney
- **Christian Education/Youth** - Ericka Tyler, Jessica Strough, **Mary Williams**
- **Deacons Fund Management** - Pat Burke, Jessica Strough, Jen Mallozzi
- **Hospitality (coffee hour, ushers, liturgist, flowers, receptions)** - Elinor Beebe, Pat Burke, Colleen Johnson, Rose Laughlin, Deb Phelps, Terri Yantz
- **House and Grounds** - Chris McSweeney, Pete Williams
- **Gardens** - Pat Burke, Jessica Strough
- **Insurance and Legal Consultation** - Miranda Hunter, Jeff Johnson, Pete Williams
- **Investment/Memorial Gifts** - Wadeanthony Burke, Marcos Flindt, Pete Williams
- **Livestream** - Jen Mallozzi, Chris McSweeney, Jessica Strough
- **Local Missions** - Wadeanthony Burke, Norma Kinney, Naomi Mahaffey, Judy Smith, Pete Williams
- **Nave Decoration/Communion** - Rose Laughlin, Colleen Johnson, Deb Phelps, Jane Prime, Jessica Strough, Mary Williams
- **Membership** - Deb Phelps, Mary Williams (clerk), Pastor
- **Music Committee/Outreach** - Dave Burch, Pat Burke, Meena Conant, Donna Moren, Michael Moren, Bob Oehme, DJ Smith, Ericka Tyler, **Mary Williams**
- **Personnel/HR-** Deb Phelps, Bridget Rice, Pete Williams, Naomi Mahaffey
- **Prayer Circle** - Elinor Beebe, Pat Burke, Naomi Mahaffey, Judy Smith, Mary Williams
- **Pride Events** - **Miranda Hunter**, Donna Moren, Michael Moren, DJ Smith, Terri Yantz
- **Scholarships** - Elizabeth Barber-Breese, Maxine Gage, Miranda Hunter, Colleen Johnson, Norma Kinney, Deb Phelps, Jane Prime, DJ Smith, Jessica Strough, Terri Yantz
- **Stewardship** - Pete Williams
- **Transition Committee** - Pat Burke, Miranda Hunter, Michael Moren, Judy Smith, Jessica Strough, Ed Tucker, Mary Williams
- **Turkey Basket program** - Elinor Beebe, Colleen Johnson, Rose Laughlin, Heavenly & Naomi Mahaffey, Jennifer Mallozzi, Donna Moren, Michael Moren, Bridget Rice, Jessica Strough, Pete Williams
- **Worship Planning/Liturgy/Pulpit Supply** - Dave Burch, Pat Burke, Jen Mallozzi, Jessica Strough, Ericka Tyler, Mary Williams, Pastor

Children and Family Ministries

Ericka Tyler, Director

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Greetings on this beautiful, spring morning! We are now in the season of Lent, a time for making space, room, and time for God as we prepare for Easter. Here's a look at what we've been teaching in March and what's in store for April during Sunday School!

In March, we finished up our series entitled **Rhythm**, a 4-week unit from 1 & 2 Corinthians on Spiritual Growth. The students really enjoyed the focus on rhythm/music, playing musical games, and even celebrating with a disco party to close out the unit!



At the end of March, we began our new series, entitled **Justified**, a 4-week series from the New Testament. This series focuses on dealing with anger. Anger is such a big, powerful emotion. When we're angry about things that matter, our anger can lead us toward action. Anger can even inspire us to make the world a better place! But other times, our anger can lead us to make choices that are harmful to ourselves or others. There's no escaping situations or people who make us angry, but how we respond when we're angry is up to us. So if we can't completely avoid getting angry, what can we do? In this four-week series, we'll explore four passages of Scripture

from both the Old and New Testaments that might challenge our view on anger. We'll learn practical skills like when we feel angry, pause to ask God why. We'll see how, when we're angry, Jesus shows us how to respond. And in our anger, we'll be challenged to show grace and not get hurtful. Because of Lent and the Easter holiday, this unit will take us through until the end of April.

April is a busy month! Check out the Sunday School updates for this month below:

April 13- Palm Sunday, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

April 20- Easter Sunday, NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR YOUTH GROUP

FREE 2B ME YOUTH GROUP:

We continue to meet most Sunday afternoons from 12:30-2:00 pm in the Youth Room upstairs. Announcements regarding youth group can be found in our weekly church email, bulletin, and monthly newsletter, as well as via text upon request! (please text Ericka @ 607-373-0538 and ask to receive Free 2BMe announcements!)

There will be NO youth group on **Sunday April 20** due to the Easter holiday. Keep your EYES AND EARS OPEN for announcements regarding a possible outreach/mission project the youth group could participate in to benefit those in need in our local community. This might be something we could even do during our youth group time. More details to come soon!



BOOK OF THE MONTH

Are you looking for something uplifting to read? *The Book of Common Courage* is a collection of prayers, poems, and blessings that may help you find a flicker of strength in the small and hard moments of life. Beloved author and therapist K. J. Ramsey invites you to journey word-by-word through Psalm 23 to experience how the Good Shepherd is with you and for you, especially in the valleys of life. When you struggle to find the words to hold your pain or trauma, be encouraged to cultivate the compassion and courage to believe that your story will, in fact, end in joy.



This season of Lent, strive to create a welcoming space for God. Remember, simple acts like cleaning a room, making a meal for someone, or inviting someone over for supper become acts of justice and kindness, part of a life of following Christ. Happy Easter! Christ is Risen!



HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday - April 13 - 10:00 a.m.

Joint Worship with Broad St. United Methodist Church
Starting at BSUMC at 10:00 a.m. and then coming to UCC to finish the service
at approximately 10:30 a.m.
Coffee Hour
Nursery available. No UCC Sunday School.

Community Good Friday Service - April 18 - 7:00 p.m.

with the Christ Lutheran Church in our Nave
Nursery available.

April 20 - Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Resurrection.
Welcoming new members.
No Sunday School. No Youth Group.



Monday Evening Musical Club presents

Blue Parsley Boys

Singers of songs for their own enjoyment and, occasionally, yours. Together since 1998, the Blue Parsley Boys are known for singing familiar and humorous a cappella arrangements.

**Monday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Nave**

**Free and open to the public.
Offering taken to support the scholarship fund.**

Livestream on [Facebook.com/Mondayeveningmusicclub](https://www.facebook.com/Mondayeveningmusicclub)



UCC MEETINGS



Susquehanna Association Spring Meeting

April 27 at 3:30 p.m.
McLean Community Church

New York Conference United Church of Christ Annual Meeting

June 5 - 7
The Desmond Hotel, Albany

*If you are interested in attending either
meeting, contact the church office
for details.*

Letters - Emails - Notes

Dear Friends at UCC,

Thank you for your donation to the Elinor Robb Troicke Memorial Scholarship. Your generosity is deeply appreciated by the entire Chenango County Historical Society community – **we can't thank you enough.** Your donation helps invest in the education of Chenango County students who share the same love of community as Elinor. Her legacy and love for her community live on through your donation.

From all of us at CCHS – thank you! Your support is what makes it possible for students in Chenango County to live our mission every day. I hope that you are all able to visit our museum campus sometime in the near future and to join in our ongoing celebration of Chenango County History!

We are so very grateful for your support of our scholarship program!

Jessica Moquin, Executive Director
Chenango County Historical Society

Dear Friends,

On behalf of all who take part in our programs and all who benefit from the community we are forming, I want to thank you for your recent gift.

As you know our mission is to cultivate spiritual imagination with enduring wisdom, for transformative faith leadership. How grateful we are for donors and friends like you who give generously to support this mission in a season that is so fraught with challenges and so filled with opportunity.

Your gift enables us to offer a wide array of theologically grounded programs of spiritual and vocational formation – workshops and retreats, learning communities, reading groups, public conversations and rituals, and project of applied research – all in an effort to cultivate and nurture spiritual leadership for a climate changed world.

We are deeply grateful for your faithfulness and generosity in support the work of The BTS Center.

Rev. Dr. Allen Ewing-Merrill, Executive Director
The BTS Center

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.

Thank you for your generous support.

Debra Marcus, Chief Executive Officer
Family Planning of SCNY

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 times of crisis, this resource is valuable and crucial to our entire community.

Casandra Pfoh
Hospice & Palliative Care of Chenango County

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

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

Romans 8:39



 **APRIL**
Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays
16 Richie Bonney
23 Ericka Tyler
26 Paul Currie
30 Neil Conant

Anniversaries
Vincent and Karen Mallozzi - 4/17/71 - 54 years
Chad and Meena Conant - 4/21/07 - 18 years



Easter Memorials

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IN MEMORY OF / IN HONOR OF (CIRCLE ONE) OR OTHER MESSAGE:

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