

We are here to: Love God, Love our Neighbor and Serve the World.

February 23, 2020 9 AM & 10:30 AM

Gathering in God's Presence

*All are welcome to this time of worship, and in this faith community.
If you are visiting today, please visit the Welcome table at the entrance.*

Announcements and Welcome

Greeting One Another Please take a moment to greet your neighbors.

Prelude *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* Day

***Call to Worship**

Mighty one of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, do not be silent,
Speak, that we may hear.

Speak righteousness, that we may know your ways.
Speak compassion, that we may know your mercy.

Speak understanding, that we may be peacemakers.
Speak abundance, that we may serve others.

Speak, and we will listen to you.

***Hymn** *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding* TFWS #2103

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Readings Matthew 17:1-8 (NRSV)

Anthem
(10:30) *This Is The Stuff* F. Battistelli
Youth Choir and Voices of Hope

Young Disciples' Time Please join us in singing vs. 1 of *Jesus Loves Me*
(10:30)

Lent: Let's Shake It Up. Presented by the High School Class
(Both services)

***Proclaiming Hymn** *Word of God Come Down on Earth* UMH #182
(vs. 1, 3 & 4)

Message *Transfiguration: Are You Listening?* **The Rev. Doug Mackey**

Responding to God's Word

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Holy Ground* Davis

***Singing Our Praises** *Doxology* UM Hymnal #94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *Make Me a Servant* TFWS #2176

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the
kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Going Forth To Serve

***Hymn of Going Forth** *Lord, Speak to Me* UMH #463

Benediction

Postlude

*You are invited to stand if you are able or comfortable

*The flowers on the altar today are in celebration of Ann Chatterton
on her birthday. Given with love by April Hicks.*

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 23

9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Coffee Hour
Sunday School: grades K-4 only
11:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
11:30 AM Youth Group-Games
1:30 PM Stampin' Up

Monday, February 24

9 PM Early Birds
6 PM Brownies
7 PM Special K Circle

Tuesday, February 25

7 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 26 ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30 AM Fixits
9:30 AM Explorers
6 PM AA Meeting
7 PM Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday, February 27

9 AM Seekers Book Study
10:30 AM Memorials Committee
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 28

12 PM Lunch Bunch

Saturday, February 29

9 AM-1 PM Stampin' Up/Girl Scout Cookie Sales
7 PM Boy Scout Sleepover

Sunday, March 1

8 AM-12 PM Pancake Breakfast
9 AM Confirmation Class
9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:05 AM Cherub Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
Blood Pressure Screenings After Worship Services

Announcements

TODAY Coffee Hour is hosted by Church Council

Youth Group Meet in Knight Hall after worship today for board games and fun. Please bring your own packed lunch. Parent pick-up will be at 1:30 PM.

Ash Wednesday is February 26.
Worship will be at 7 PM, this Wednesday.

Pancake Breakfast The youth are hosting a pancake breakfast to support trips to conference, missions and other events. On March 1, we will be serving breakfast from 8 AM to 12 PM. Gluten- and dairy-free options available. Youth grades 5+ are needed to help! Please contact Katie Bikowicz at 518-669-1827 or katebikowicz@gmail.com to sign up or for more details! **Adults**, please come support our youth!

Seekers On February 20, the Thursday morning Seekers study group began a new study of the Book of Revelation. We are reading *You Can Understand the Book of Revelation* by Skip Heitzig. A limited number of books are available in the main office.

The Early Birds Study is held Mondays at 9 AM. We are completing study of the video and book *The Walk—Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton. This video series will also be offered Monday evenings: March 2, 16, 23 and 30, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

Saratoga Springs UMC will once again host the **Adirondack District Training event “Informed to Transform”** on March 7. The day will include a worship experience, followed by a broad range of workshops on topics ranging from spiritual growth, to church leadership, types of ministry and even useful information for life beyond the church. For more info on workshops provided and a registration form, there will be packets in the foyer, or you can speak to Pastor Doug. If you choose to attend, please let us know. There will likely be carpooling opportunities available.

Joan Nicole Prince Home staff will be presenting a program on Monday, February 24, at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. Join us in learning about the work of this local hospice house and how we can help. The evening is being hosted by Special K Circle, and refreshments will be served.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Tickets for the March 14 dinner will be available for sale after worship services today and next Sunday. Adults: \$12; Kids 5–10: \$6; Kids under 5: free. The dinner will be from 4:30 PM through 7 PM in Knight Hall.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt Donations Following the second service on Palm Sunday (April 5), our community children are invited to the 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt, rain or shine. In preparation, our youth will be stuffing plastic eggs with candy and small toys on March 29. To aid our youth, we will be accepting donations of candy and small toys in a basket in the narthex during the month of March. Thank you for helping with this fun event!

Project Cameron’s Story Many Thanks to everyone who contributed to the preschool Project Cameron’s Story book collection. Between the congregation and preschool, we collected a total of 35 books. We also found out that one of our current 3-year-olds was a recipient of one of these books when he was an infant. We look forward to participating again next year.

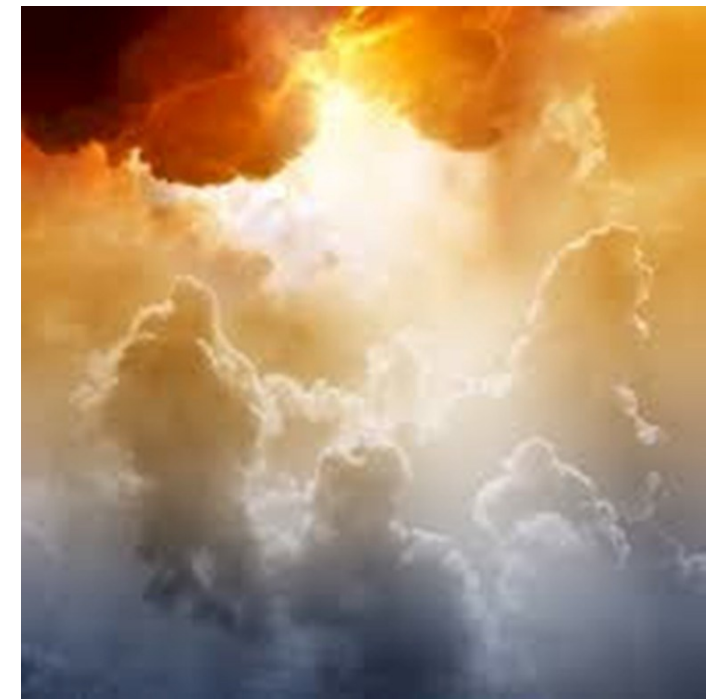
Rejuvenate Retreat A spring *Ladies of the Lake Experience*. April 24–26, at Sky Lake near Binghamton. Mild or Wild options! All women are invited, even if you are not a member of BHUMC. Lodging and meals included. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board by Knight Hall or call Libby Horn for more information: 518-399-3856. (Libby Horn and Paula Miller are coordinating this retreat.) Registration forms are due by March 27. Carpooling will be arranged.

Housing A woman who works as the House Manager at The Spa Little Theatre on SPAC grounds every year is in need of summer housing. She is interested in renting a room, along with kitchen privileges. Please call Jill Zygo at 518-859-3734 if you have any leads.

Vacation Bible School We are starting to plan for the Ecumenical Vacation Bible School 2020. VBS will be held August 3–7 at Our Lady of Grace Church, from 8:30 AM to 12 PM. It is a great opportunity for kids who will be entering 7th grade or higher to gain community service experience, build relationships and have fun as a group. We are also looking for adult volunteers to help during this week. Please let Jodi Facticeau-St. Gelais (jafstgelais@gmail.com) or Stephanie Tope (sbusch83@gmail.com) know if you would like to volunteer to help out for one day, the whole week, or anything in between!



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