

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

February 24, 2019 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Gathering in God's Presence

Welcome to this time of worship. 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 by sharing signs of God's Peace — such as "The Peace of Christ be with you"

Prelude *The Fragrance of Christ* Haas

*Call to Worship

Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing;

They will rejoice in God's reign forever.

Blessed are those who mourn, who are grieving;

They will be comforted in God's reign forever.

Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness;

They will find it in God's reign forever.

Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their needs;

We will live in God's reign forever.

Blessed are we all when we seek to serve others in God's name;

Let us worship together, serving one another and our Mighty God. Amen.

***Opening Hymn** *Gather Us In* TFWS #2236

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Romans 8:1–6; Matthew 9:9–13

Anthem *Amazing Grace* Newton/Anon.
(9:00) Jill Zygo
(10:30) Voices of Hope/Youth Choir

Young Disciples' Time (10:30 AM)
Please join in singing verse 1 of *Jesus Loves Me* UM Hymnal #191

***Proclaiming Hymn** *Help Us Accept Each Other* UMH #560

Message *Messy Spirituality 2 — Who is it for?* **The Rev. Doug Mackey**

Responding to God's Word

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *Better Than A Hallelujah* Hartford/Hart
Jill Zygo, Peter Van Keuren

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

*Prayer of Dedication

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *Come and Fill our Hearts* TFWS 2157

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** *Amazing Grace* UMH #378

*Benediction

Postlude

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 24

9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School followed by Coffee Hour
12 PM Young Families Hide 'N' Seek and Sardines
No choir rehearsal

Monday, February 25

9 AM Earlybirds
10 AM UMW Board Meeting
6 PM Daisy Scouts
7 PM Special K Circle

Tuesday, February 26

7 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, February 27

8:30 AM Fixits
9:30 AM Explorers
6 PM AA Meeting
6 PM Daisy Scouts
7 PM Pub Explorations in Theology

Thursday, February 28

9 AM Thursday Women's Book Study
10:15 AM Women's Retreat Team Meeting
6 PM Girl Scouts
7 PM Podcast Study: For the Love of Exploring Faith
7 PM Chancel Choir

Saturday, March 2

8 AM Men's Breakfast
8:30 AM Day of Learning, Saratoga Springs UMC
10:30 Caregiver Support Meeting

Sunday, March 3

9 AM Lent Study
9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School followed by Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope choir rehearsal
12 PM Pastor Holly's report on the Special Session
Blood Pressure Screenings after both services

*Flowers on the altar today are in loving memory of Ken Streifert,
given by his family.*

Announcements

TODAY Coffee Hour is hosted by the Church Council

Young Families Jill Zygo and Mary Alice Nyhan will be staying after the 10:30 service today to lead a fun game of Hide 'N' Seek and Sardines for an hour or so. Bring your friends and a lunch!

Special K Circle will be meeting this Monday at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. Nancy Adams will be sharing about her trip to Vietnam.

Special series of messages Pastor Doug will be presenting a special topic during both Sunday services, starting today through March 10, which will examine scripture, spirituality, and grace in light of the ideas presented in Michael Yaconelli's small book, *Messy Spirituality*. This work suggests that "imperfection, unfinished-ness, and messiness are in fact the earmarks of true Christianity . . . and gloriously liberating." Join Pastor Doug on this journey, and if interested, consider reading the book as well.

The Adirondack District is offering a Day of Learning: "Informed to Transform," on Saturday, March 2, at the Saratoga Springs UMC, 175 Fifth Ave., Saratoga Springs. The workshops are designed to support each church's mission to join with God in *making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world*. Pre-registration by Feb. 15 is required. Check-in starts at 8:30 AM, with the Opening Worship followed by three 75-minute workshop sessions — ending with Communion at 2:30 PM. Cost is \$10, which includes lunch and childcare. A listing of workshop times, descriptions and the Registration Forms are available in the foyer and the church office.

Lent Study Retired Pastor Dick Chatterton will lead a study on Adam Hamilton's book and video, *Simon Peter*. Sunday mornings, March 3–April 7, at 9 AM. Sign-up sheets are posted outside of Knight Hall and in the main office. During this time, Pastor Doug will also include Hamilton's book in Wednesday evening Pub discussions, starting on February 27.

Report on Special General Conference On Sunday, March 3, at noon, Pastor Holly will offer a brief report from the Special Session of the General Conference and will answer your questions. Feel free to write out your questions ahead of time, or to email Pastor Holly during the Conference, February 22–27.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Saturday, March 9, from 4:30 to 7 PM. \$12 for adults; \$6 for kids; 5 and under, free. Tickets will be available for purchase after both services today, as well as in the church office and at Mail 'N' More. Volunteers needed! Contact Linda Noonan at 518-399-9075, or sign up on the sheets posted outside of Knight Hall. Bakers are also needed. If you can contribute a pie or dessert, please contact Paula Miller at 518-399-7422.

Women's Retreat Registration forms are still being welcomed for our church's Women's Retreat on May 17–18 at the Dominican Retreat Center. Forms are in the church office and on the website. Join us for fun, fellowship and a brief but restful time away!

Bishop Webb will be hosting a regional gathering on March 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Shenendehowa UMC in Clifton Park to "gather together after the Special Session of General Conference to worship together, pray together, understand the decisions or actions of the Special Session, and remember our individual and collective call to ministry and mission in the name of Jesus Christ." Anyone interested is invited to attend. In preparation for the Special Session (Feb. 23–26), we are asked to keep the delegates to the Special Session, all those attending and the entire UMC in our prayers.

Scholarship Opportunity The Upper New York Conference College Ministry Team invites high school and college undergraduate students to apply for the Lottie Brown Grant. Preference is given to those entering some form of Christian service. A statement of your faith journey and philosophy of life is given high consideration. All application materials for this scholarship must be postmarked by **April 10, 2019**. Application materials are available in Church Office.

Comfort for Those Who Mourn A 6-week non-denominational Christian grief support group is being offered at St. Luke's On the Hill in Mechanicville, beginning Wednesday, March 6, from 4:30 to 6 PM. It is for all those grieving the death of a loved one. For more information, call 518-664-4834. A brochure is also posted on our bulletin board outside of Knight Hall.

Pastors' Email Addresses

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"Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"¹² But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. (Matthew 9:12)

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