

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

March 1, 2020 9 AM & 10:30 AM Communion Sunday

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 *You Are My Hiding Place* Ledner

***Call to Worship**

We enter this season of Lent, knowing the wilderness is ahead;
Prepare us, O God, to face whatever may come.
We enter this week, uncertain of the distractions that might arrive;
Help us, O God, to keep our minds on You.
We enter this day, hoping to set our hearts on Christ;
Keep us, O God, to the way of faith.
We enter this time of worship, dependent upon our God;
Show us, O God, Your way, Your truth, and Your life. Amen.

*Hymn *Come Away with Me* TFWS # 2202

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Matthew 4:1-11

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

***Proclaiming Hymn** *Jesus, Tempted in the Desert* TFWS # 2105

Message *The Walk: Worship and Prayer* **The Rev. Holly Nye**

Responding to God's Word

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory (9:00) *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* American Folk Hymn

(10:30) *Wondrous Love* Booth-Tucker/Cameron
Chancel Choir

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

***Prayer of Dedication**

Our Church Family in Prayer

Prayer Song *God is Here Today* TFWS # 2049

Pastoral Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Consecration
Spoken responses: on screen

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.**

Gathering at Table

Communion Music *I Will Dwell in You* Gray
Chancel Choir

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Going Forth To Serve

***Hymn of Going Forth** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days, Vs. 1, 3, 4, 5*
UM Hymnal #269

Benediction

Postlude

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1

8 AM-Noon 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

Monday, March 2

9 AM Early Birds
6:15 PM Daisy Scouts
6:30 PM Lenten Study

Tuesday, March 3

6:30 PM SPRC
7 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, March 4

8:30 AM Fixits
9:30 AM Explorers
6 PM AA Meeting
7 PM Pub Explorations

Thursday, March 5

9 AM Seekers Book Study
10:30 AM BHBL Women's Club Board Meeting
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, March 7

8 AM Adirondack District Training Event
8 AM Men's Breakfast
10:30 AM Caregiver Support Group

Sunday, March 8 Daylight Savings Time

9 AM Confirmation Class
9 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir Rehearsal
2:30 PM Daisy Scouts

Announcements

TODAY Coffee Hour is hosted by UMW Circles

Pancake Breakfast Please join us in Knight Hall, from 8am-noon, for a fundraiser breakfast sponsored by the Youth of our church. Blueberry, chocolate chip, gluten-free and dairy-free options available.

Lenten Study Monday evenings: *The Walk—Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life* by Adam Hamilton. This video series will be offered on March 2, 16, 23 and 30, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

Explorers Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 9:30 AM. Each week, we watch a 30-minute video on some aspect of Christianity. This year's study is titled *The World of Biblical Israel*, by Professor Cynthia R. Chapman. The course traces the history of biblical Israel from its origins (1200 B.C.) to its emergence as a nation, and then, to a pair of kingdoms. It continues with its conquests by Assyria and Babylon, and finally, their return to Israel. Contact Pastor Doug for more information.

The Early Birds is beginning a study of the Gospel of Matthew, Mondays at 9 AM.

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.

Church Council Everyone is always welcome to attend the Church Council meetings, the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Fireside Room. Perhaps the concept of sitting at a meeting does not interest you or doesn't fit in your schedule. **The meeting on March 9 will focus on how we are called to be Church, loving our neighbors and adapting to changing needs.** Last year a number of exciting possibilities for our mission and witness were suggested. Some of those ideas were put into action. Now is a time to come together again to discuss what possibilities are potentially valuable expressions of our "WHY". Let us share and prioritize the ideas. Please be enticed to come! You, your ideas and dreams and commitments, are needed. —Paula Miller, Chairperson

Outreach Sunday Outreach Sunday will be held on March 22. Our speaker, Michelle Viola-Straight, is the Director of Community Relations for the Veterans and Community Housing Coalition. She will be sharing information about their plans to expand the Guardian House facilities to include homeless women veterans and their children. Michelle will be speaking at both services. Please come to hear what the project entails and how we can support them.

Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner Tickets for the March 14 dinner will be available for sale after worship services today. Adults: \$12; Kids 5–10: \$6; Kids under 5: free. The dinner will be from 4:30 PM through 7 PM in Knight Hall. Volunteers are still needed. There are sign up sheets outside of Knight Hall. Thank you.

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!

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.

Christmas Offering Thank you for your generous gifts to the Christmas Offering. The total given was \$3750. This was shared with the SCM general budget, Conference Ministries, Chacocente (Managua Dump Project), RISSE (Refugee Center), Shelters of Saratoga, Bethesda Day Shelter in Schenectady and the food pantries of SCM, Rock City Falls and EOC in Ballston Spa. Thank you for sharing with so many others.

— The Outreach Commission.

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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