

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

*November 17, 2019 9:00 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**

**Prelude**      *Rise To Greet The Sun*      Hu Te-ai

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Think of it: God is continually creating something new!

**P: The Lord is creating us anew: renewed, redeemed, beloved.**

L: In the midst of change, God is with us.

**P: Though we struggle and doubt, yet God is faithful.**

L: Thanks be to God who continually blesses us.

**P: Let our hearts, our voices, and our spirits sing God's praises. AMEN.**

**\*Opening Hymn**    *In the Midst of New Dimensions*      TFWS #2238

**Opening Prayer** (based on Isaiah 65, Luke 21) **In unison:**

Our loving and caring God,  
we need this time together  
to be united with our sisters and brothers  
in the faith;

we need this time of worship  
to be comforted and strengthened  
in your presence.

We hear of wars and rumors of wars.  
We read of persecution and oppression.

Remind us again of your vision,  
that all might live in a world  
of peace and justice and love.

May this time together  
imprint this vision and promise on our hearts,  
that we may live into this beloved community. Amen

**Proclaiming the Word**

**Scripture Reading**    Isaiah 65:17-25

**Anthem**      *Grateful*      Bucchino  
The Petes

**Young Disciples' Time**

**(10:30)**      Please join in singing verse 1 of *Jesus Loves Me*

**\*Proclaiming Hymn**    *O Day of God, Draw Nigh*      UM Hymnal #730

**Message**      The Rev. Holly Nye

**Responding to God's Word**

**Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**      *Lonely River*      Kirkpatrick/Smith  
Joyful Voices

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

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Our Church Family in Prayer**

**Prayer Song**    *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*      TFWS #2193

**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**    *Marching to Zion*      UM Hymnal #733

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

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

(Opening prayer by: Joanne Carlson Brown, ministrymatters)

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**Sunday, November 17**

9 AM      Confirmation Class  
9 AM      Bible Study on Moses  
9 AM      Worship followed by Coffee Hour  
10:30 AM      Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour  
11:30 AM      Youth Choir/Voices of Hope Rehearsal  
12:15 PM      "Around The World" Potluck Lunch

**Monday, November 18**

9 AM      Early Birds

**Tuesday, November 19**

9:30 AM      Tuesday Connection Circle  
7 PM      Boy Scouts  
7 PM      Trustee Mtg

**Wednesday, November 20**

8 AM      Prep Community Lunch  
8:30 AM      Fixits  
9:30 AM      Explorers  
1 PM      "Thursday" Circle  
6 PM      AA Meeting  
6 PM      Girl Scouts  
7 PM      Pub Explorations in Theology

**Thursday, November 21**

9 AM      Seekers—Sisters in Christ Book Study  
12 PM      Community Thanksgiving Lunch  
6 PM      Daisy Scouts  
7 PM      Boy Scouts  
6-9 PM      Consignment drop-offs for Winter Sports Sale  
7 PM      Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Friday, November 22**

5-9 PM      Consignment drop-offs for Winter Sports Sale

**Saturday, November 23**

**9 AM-Noon**      **Winter Sports Equipment Sale**  
1-3 PM      Pick-up of unsold items

**Sunday, November 24**

9 AM      Bible Study on Moses  
9 AM      Confirmation Class  
9 AM      Worship followed by Coffee Hour  
10:30 AM      Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour  
11:30 AM      Youth Choir/Voices of Hope Rehearsal  
**12 PM**      **Annual Church Conference**  
2:30 PM      Girl Scouts

# Announcements

## **TODAY** Coffee Hour is hosted by Study Groups

**Red Wagon Sunday** is today. Please consider donating a non-perishable food item for the red wagon that will be in the foyer during the service. All items are greatly appreciated!

**Potluck** Join us for a potluck lunch today at 12:15 PM in Knight Hall. Sabine Adams has prepared a presentation on their family trip around the world, which will be followed by karaoke!

**Annual Church Conference** November 24 at noon. All are welcome. All church members have vote, as we elect leaders for 2020, set pastors' salaries, and consider our mission for the coming year.

**Grateful Pumpkins** In this month in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, let's let others know what we are grateful for. Sign your name on one of our "Grateful Pumpkins" and write something you are grateful for. The pumpkins will be in Knight Hall during both coffee hours.

**Sunday Bible Study** The 9 AM Bible study on Moses concludes today. Ken Williams will be leading the study again this week. We are using the book and video, *Moses; In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*, by Adam Hamilton.

**The Early Birds Study** is held every Monday at 9 AM. We are studying 8 major themes of the Bible. Advent Study begins November 25.

**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 Pat or Mike Thomas for more information.

**Thanksgiving Community Lunch** On November 21, we are having a full Thanksgiving meal for our Community Lunch. We need MANY people to help on both the 20th and the 21st, as well as pies and other donations. Please consider signing up on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall. Also, if you are planning to come as a guest for lunch, please add your name to the RSVP list so we can plan for food quantities. Thank you. —Libby Horn (518)-698-4043

**Ushers Needed** We have an urgent need for ushers at the second worship service. Please consider giving of your service if you are able. Once a month would be all that is required. There is a sign up sheet outside of Knight Hall, or you may talk with Metta (399-6815).

**Our Thanksgiving offering** will be taken on November 24. All donations will be given to Concerned For The Hungry, an organization that gives away many Thanksgiving baskets in Schenectady, but is also active all year in helping to alleviate hunger in nearby communities. We are also asking for donations of non-perishable food. Most food will be given to the three food pantries we support (EOC in Saratoga, ECHO in Rock City Falls and SICM in Schenectady), but a small amount is kept here for the pastors to give away at their discretion. Thank you for remembering those who are hungry! We appreciate your kindness. —The Outreach Commission

**Winter Sports Equipment Sale** Saturday, Nov. 23, from 9:00 AM to Noon. Ice skates, sleds, sports clothing, downhill and cross-country ski equipment, ski racks and goggles will be sold. Bring your equipment in on Thurs., Nov. 21, 6:00-9:00 PM, and Friday, Nov. 22, 5:00-9:00 PM. You determine the price for each item and keep 75% of the selling price. **We will need your help.** There is much work to be done Thursday and Friday nights and Saturday morning and afternoon. You do not have to have knowledge of skiing to help out. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board outside Knight Hall. Come lend a hand and have fun!! For more info or to sign up to help, call Greg Adams at 399-5875. Word-of-mouth is the best advertisement. Please tell your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Donations are gladly accepted as well, from 9 AM till noon, M-F, or on the drop-off nights listed above.

**Memorial Christmas Tree** You are invited to remember your deceased loved ones with "paper lights" representing the real lights on our Memorial Christmas Tree. Donations of \$1.00 per name are requested. We will be collecting names and donations during the coffee hour after both services on each remaining Sunday in November and the first Sunday in December. Note: If you have honored loved ones with lights in past years, you will need to "repurchase" bulbs again this year, as they do not carry over from year to year. (Questions: See Cathy Bryson) These paper lights will be hung in Knight Hall throughout the Christmas season. The tree will be lit on Advent Night, December 6, when there will be a short dedication service and a Covered Dish Supper that starts at 6 PM. Please join us for this meaningful Christmas event.

**The Giving Tree** is set up in the sanctuary and full of "ornaments" that you may choose to pick from. On the back of each "ornament" is a gift request. Please purchase the item, wrap it and ATTACH THE ORNAMENT TAG (the ornament information is the only way we know who gets the gift). The best way to attach the ornament tag is to securely tape the string to the package. Bring the gifts to church and place under the Giving Tree by **December 8**. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Audrey or Mark Witkofsky (399-2796). Thank you for your generosity.

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