

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

September 22, 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

***Call to Worship**

In the midst of darkness, there is light.

In the midst of blindness, we will be given sight.

Jesus brings healing love to us.

Let the light of Jesus' love break through our blindness and fill our world with glory.

He Gives us courage to stand for truth and justice.

And gives us wisdom to reach out in compassion to others.

We come together with Christ to transform our lives.

To re-form our souls.

Gracious God, bring us to a new day in your kingdom.

O Lord, bring us to a new way of serving you with great joy.

***Hymn** *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* (v. 1-3,5,6) UMH #57

Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading Mark 10:46-52 NRSV

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

Anthem (9 and 10:30 AM) *It's Me, It's Me, Oh Lord (Standing in the Need of Prayer)* Spiritual
Greg Adams, Pam Bemis, Pete Farrell, Libby Horn

***Proclaiming Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH #454

Message *Let Me See Again* **The Rev. Doug Mackey**

Responding to God's Word

Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory *We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder* Spiritual
Greg Adams, Pam Bemis, Pete Farrell, Libby Horn

***Singing Our Praises** *Doxology* UMH #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** *Wounded World That Cries for Healing* TFWS# 2177

Benediction

Postlude

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

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 22

9:00 AM Worship/ followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope Rehearsal

Monday, September 23

9 AM Early Birds
10:15 AM UMW Board Mtg.
6 PM Girl Scouts
6:30 PM Brownie Scouts
7 PM Special K Circle

Tuesday, September 24

6:30 PM Next Steps Mtg.
7 PM Boy Scouts

Wednesday, September 25

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

Thursday, September 26

9 AM Seekers-Sisters in Christ Book Study
7 PM Boy Scouts
7 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 27

12 PM Lunch Bunch
4 PM Stampin' Up

Saturday, September 28

9 AM Stampin' Up Sale
8 AM Scout Adult Leader Training

Sunday, September 29

9:00 AM Worship followed by Coffee Hour
10:30 AM Worship/Sunday School/Coffee Hour
11:30 AM Youth Choir/Voices of Hope Rehearsal

Announcements

TODAY Coffee Hour is hosted by
Young Families Ministry

The **Early Birds Study** started on Monday, September 16, and continues each week at 9 AM. We will be studying 8 major themes of the Bible. Materials will be provided.

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 entitled *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. Each week's session can be viewed on its own, so you need not attend every week. Contact Pat or Mike Thomas for more information.

Spiritual Life Team Invitation Feeling a nudge lately to lead or assist with a book study, bible study, discussion, gathering, field trip, or other activity that helps grow our faith and bring us closer to God and each other? If so, please join us on Monday, September 30, at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. The Spiritual Life team, part of the Grow team, will be gathering to brainstorm and plan studies and activities to be offered to our church and beyond, and we invite everyone interested to participate. We also would love to hear ideas or topics you'd like to see offered. If you are interested but can't make this planning event, contact Pastor Holly, Pastor Doug or Renee Mesh and we will find a way to include you!

Next Steps To continue the Educational Series responding to questions raised at May Table Discussions, the Next Steps Team will be presenting two Bible study sessions— each offered twice. On Tues. 10/1 at 9:30 AM, and again on Wed. 10/2 at 7 PM, Pastor Holly will lead a session looking at the relevant Old Testament Scriptures. Then on Tues. 10/15 at 9:30 AM and Wed. 10/16 at 7 PM, Pastor Doug will lead a session considering the relevant New Testament passages. These sessions are open to anyone interested and it is hoped that having both a daytime and evening session will allow anyone with an interest to attend.

Seekers - Sisters in Christ: new book study Please join us for our next book study, *Hearing with the Heart: A Gentle Guide to Discerning God's Will for Your Life*, by Debra Farrington. In her book, the author leads you through a gentle process for discovering how to invite God's presence into every aspect of your daily life. Filled with a wealth of exercises, guidelines, and tools, this book gives you the practical help you need to bring you closer to God. Pick up a book in the office and join us in the Fireside Room beginning September 26th for this 8-week session.

Come meet Dr. Belinda Forbes, Jonesville UMC's missionary in Nicaragua. Dr. Forbes is a very dynamic person and this is an extraordinary mission in the second poorest country in the hemisphere. She will present an update on her mission in Nicaragua and her work with *Accion Medica Christiana*, as well as what is happening in Nicaragua. The event will take place on Monday, September 23, at the church on Main St. in Jonesville. There will be a pot luck dinner at 6 PM, with a program to follow at 7 PM. A Love Offering will be taken to support her travel expenses.

Mens' Retreat is planned for Oct 4th-5th at Skye Farm. If you are interested in hiking, campfire cooking, sharing and fellowship, consider joining us. Arrival time is from 4-6 PM on Friday night, 10/4, and ending time is around 3 PM on 10/5. The cost is \$50. Please respond to Pastor Doug or Mike Thomas at pmthomas6@mac.com or call 518-885-5889.

Sunday Bible Study A 6-week Bible study on Moses will begin October 6 at 9:00 AM in the Fireside Room. Dick Chatterton is leading the study using the book and video, *Moses; In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*, by Adam Hamilton. Our journey in the footsteps of Moses starts with a visit to the Pyramids and continues on the city where we think Moses was born. Do you know the name of that city? You can sign up for the course and purchase a book for \$12 now in the Church Office. Dick suggests you read the introduction and Chapter One in advance.

The Albany District is offering a once-a-month gathering between October and next June to help build lay leaders committed to go out and find Disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world. The District will lead alongside participants, to provide opportunities to serve through an outward focus in the surrounding community. The series of 9 monthly meetings will include a District support team, other clergy and laity from churches throughout the District, guest speakers and three major topics: *Intentional Disciple-Making, Simple Church and External Focus*, using 3 books as resources. The schedule for each meeting would begin with a light supper from 5:30 to 6:00 PM followed by the Learning/Discussion session from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. Our core group would love to expand by including you! If you are interested, please contact one of the pastors or myself. We will register at a location convenient for the majority.
—Paula Miller pbmiller0@gmail.com 518-399-7422

Imagine No Racism Workshop—for all interested United Methodists. Saturday, October 5, from 10 AM—3 PM, at Saratoga Springs UMC.

Mark your calendars! Saturday, October 19, is our Chicken and Biscuit Dinner. Eat in or take out, from 4:30-7 PM. Adults: \$11, children 5-10: \$6, and under 5: free. More info to follow. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be on the bulletin board.

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