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Newsletter – February, 2023

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Please keep in your thoughts and prayers: your friends and neighbors; those people who are suffering and those who are ill; those struggling with on-going health issues, especially

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Also, keep in prayer those impacted by gun violence; the displaced people of Ukraine, Syria, and other war-torn countries; our divided country, as we work together toward unity; the so-called “Long Haulers”, affected by the Covid 19 virus and those who have yet to get their vaccinations; those who are marginalized by society; those protesting injustice; the police officers who protect us; victims of natural as well as man-made disasters; families seeking asylum in our great country; service people at home and abroad; and our world leaders. Pray for those in need of comfort, tolerance, peace, justice and the basics for comfortable and safe living; and for those who long for hope, courage and guidance.

Always give thanks to God for the many blessings, gifts and joys in our lives!



Through One Great Hour of Sharing, lives are changed. Your support provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare, education and so much more.

What is One Great Hour of Sharing®?

One Great Hour of Sharing, part of Our Church’s Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. One Great Hour of Sharing also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response.

Where and how are OGHS funds shared?

The United Church of Christ responds to humanitarian and development needs in the world. Specifically, the UCC supports sustainable development and refugee needs internationally and provides disaster relief and immigration assistance in the United States.

How many dollars are given to the UCC’s OGHS offering?

In 2018, the OGHS offering received just under \$2 million.

How are decisions made to fund the various projects?

Most of the expenditures are put into the budget to support long-term sustainable development. All funding is reviewed and monitored by a leadership committee that also reviews grant requests for long-term disaster rehabilitation initiatives.

How can I contribute to One Great Hour of Sharing?

Bring your OGHS offering to church or write OGHS on the message line of your check payable to Deansboro UCC and mail it to The Treasurer, Deansboro UCC, PO Box 276, Deansboro, NY 13328



Lent, the approximately 40 days before Easter, begins on Ash Wednesday February 22. Traditionally, Ash Wednesday and Lent are mostly about self-sacrifice and penance. There is absolutely nothing wrong with that, but it does tend to put the focus more on self and not so much on others. It shouldn’t necessarily be all about us.

This year, let’s try to shift the focus toward how our thoughts and actions during Lent can make a difference in the world beyond ourselves. There are many ways we can help others! Let reaching out and helping to ease the burden of someone in need be part of our Lenten journey.

- A joint Ash Wednesday service will be held at Three Steeples Church in Paris on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 beginning at 6:00 PM. All are encouraged to attend.
- A special Bible Study will be held during Lent beginning February 28 at 6:00 pm in Deansboro. The study will look at the Holy Week. We will be using the book The Last Week by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Let Pastor Tom know if you plan to join in this study group.

There will be seven lessons, starting with Chapter 1: Palm Sunday and ending on Tuesday, April 11, when the study will be about Chapter 8: Sunday.

A sermon series about the Lord's prayer will be used during the Sundays in Lent.

- **February 26 - Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name**
- **March 5 - Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**
- **March 12 - Give us this day our daily bread**
- **March 19 - And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.**
- **March 26 - And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**
- **April 2 - For thine is the Kingdom and the power and glory forever. Amen.**

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour when you turn in Saturday, March 11. Daylight Savings time begins at 2 am on Sunday, March 12. The reason for Daylight Saving Time is to match the peak of activity of the population with the hours of daylight.



There are many advantages to Daylight Saving: we get more light in our lives especially in the evening, for one thing, and studies show that electrical energy is reduced. Also, there are fewer traffic accidents and crimes. However, we lose one hour of precious sleep, and some of us will drive around with the clocks in our cars one hour off until November!

Don't forget: spring ahead one hour on March 11 before you go to sleep, and you won't be late for church on March 12.

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The Annual Meeting of the Deansboro Congregational United Church of Christ was held Sunday, February 19. The Service of Worship was prior to the meeting, and in the middle of that we enjoyed breakfast of delicious casseroles, fruit, pastries and coffee], hot chocolate and tea.

The meeting was conducted by Moderator Rick Lloyd. Each committee prepared a report of the events in 2022. Many of them overlapped, but the one thing that shone through was gratitude and love toward our pastor, who was installed last year in May. The reports showed a church on an even keel; and as Rev. Tom Lawton said in his report, when it comes to small churches we could



be the poster child: everything which has been suggested small churches do, we are already doing.



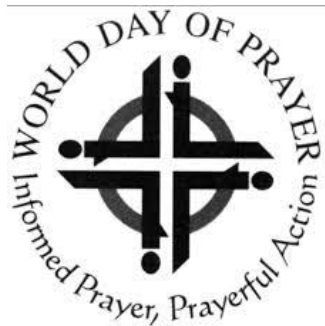
Clerk Mary Lou Rosecrants reported that one member died in the past year (June Stolarczyk) and we received two new members: Susan and Tom Lawton. The officers and council members have agreed to continue. There were no nominations from the floor for vice moderator.

Good news! The Sunday School spaghetti dinner is back! It will be held on March 4 from 5-7 in the church house. Donations toward another delicious and successful dinner are welcome. Please see either Tammy Sehn or Alice Yoxall if you can help. Proceeds of the dinner will go toward the Church World Service Kits the Sunday School assembles each year.



What do you crave on these cold winter days? Hot chocolate? Soup? Mac and cheese? Whatever it is, you can be sure that someone else craves them, too. But for some, just taking a trip to the grocery store isn't an option, and that's where the Food Pantry of Waterville comes in. When you shop, keep the Food Pantry in mind. Groceries are good but so are health and beauty items, things that can't be purchased with SNAP program. With your help, we can continue the work of Jesus. If you are more comfortable contributing financially, your checks can be sent to Waterville Food Pantry, Box 22, Waterville, NY 13480.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.” - Matthew 25:35



The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is run under the motto “Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action,” and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March in 2023, March 3. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to

become aware of the other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. They are also encouraged take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures and pray with and for them. They are further encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society. The World Day of Prayer aims to demonstrate that prayer and action are inseparable and that both have immeasurable influence in the world.



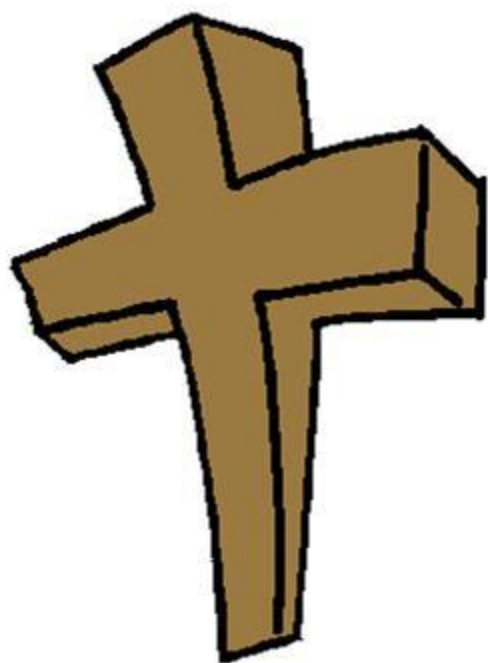
Brenden Cotter – Feb. 24
William Owens – Feb. 26
Kelly Lawton – March 4
Michelle Vasquez – March 6
Barbara McConnell – March 6
Rebecca McConnell – March 8

Brittany McConnell – March 8
Allan Dickinson – March 8
Bruce Hopkins – March 11
Heather McLaren Dunshee – March 16

Easter Word Search

B M A L M H B B K I N G R N R
N O I T C E R R U S E R E O O
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APOSTLES
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HOLY
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KING
LAMB
LOVE



MARY
REDEMPTION
RESURRECTION
RISEN
ROMANS
ROOSTER
SACRIFICE
SALVATION
SAVIOR
THORNS

March 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Music in our Schools month * Women's History month * National Nutrition Month			World Compliment Day	2	World Day of Prayer	Sunday School Spaghetti Dinner
5 Communion Daylight Savings	6	Bible Study: chapter 2: "Monday"	7 National Proofreading Day	9	10	11 Genealogy Day
12 Church Council	13	Bible Study Chapter 3&4: Tues. & Wed.	15 The Ides of March	16	17	18
19	20 Vernal Equinox	Bible Study Chapter 5: Thursday	22	23 Ramadan	24	25
Live Long and Prosper Day	27	28 Bible Study Chapter 6: Friday	29	30 National Doctor's Day	31	

April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 April Fool's Day
Palm Sunday	3	Bible Study Chapter 7: Saturday	5	Maundy Thursday	7 Good Friday	8
9 Easter	National Siblings Day	Bible Study Chapter 8: Sunday	12 Passover	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	Passover ends	Nat'l Tea Day	22 Earth Day
23 Good Deeds Day	24	National Exercise Day	26	Take sons/daughters to work day	28 Arbor Day	29
30		Nat'l Plumbers Day				