

Deansboro Congregational United Church of Christ
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Newsletter – March, 2024

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Rick Lloyd, Moderator



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:

Edie Eastman
Rehabilitation Care Center – 220 Tower Street ~
Waterville, NY 13480

Joan Benedict
Box 2 ~ Deansboro, NY 13328\

Sally Harvey
99 Brookside Drive – Apt. 220 ~ Clinton, NY
13323

Allan and Mary Dickinson
2106 Bleecker Street – Apt. B-339 ~ Utica, NY
13501

Sandy Bishopp
P.O. Box 293
Deansboro, NY 13328

Mark Taylor
7247 California Road ~ Deansboro, NY 13328

Dave Georgius
1670 Torrence Road
San Diego, CA

Ron Steinmann
6650 West Hill Road ~ Deansboro, NY 13328

Carol McLaren
MVHS Center for Rehabilitation & Care ~
1650 Champlin Ave., Utica, NY 13502

Jim Turturro
2106 Bleecker Street – Apt. 344
Utica, NY 13501

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; 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!

Bible Study continues after church until Easter Sunday. We are studying the Gospel of Mark - the time between Palm Sunday and Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Join us for lively discussion.



The Maundy Thursday service will be held on Thursday, March 28 at 5:00 in the church house. That will include a Tenebrae service, marking the Last Supper before Jesus was crucified.

Maundy is derived from the Latin word Mandatum or commandment. Jesus says to his disciples in John 13:34 "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also shall love one another." Maundy also means the rite of the washing of feet, which occurs in some churches. Jesus explains to his disciples the significance of foot washing by giving them this commandment.

Please join us for this important service.

EASTER, the most important and oldest festival of the Christian Church, will be celebrated on March 31 this year. Easter commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion and held between March 21 and April 25, on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern spring equinox. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus Christ, preceded by Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance. The word "Easter" may have come from the Anglo-Saxon goddess of dawn, called Eostre, whose feast day was celebrated each spring. Or it may have come from words meaning "dawn," "rising," and "east." Whatever the etymology is, Eastertide is a wonderful season of hope and renewal, and a time of joy for us all.



CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Congratulations to Jen DeWeerth, who has been selected for an Outstanding Woman of the Year honor by the Mohawk Valley YWCA. She is sponsored by the Fort Schyler Club for her impact and achievements in the community in the field of Social Justice. The awards ceremony will be March 21.

We are so proud of you, Jen – this is a well-deserved honor, and could not have happened to a nicer person!



For the past several years, we have not been relying on any greenhouse for our Easter plants. We have been selecting them ourselves, which has worked out very well: each Easter the altar is beautifully decorated. The Congregational Care Committee will gladly purchase plants for you - just let us know what you'd like. Please make your check out to the Deansboro Congregational UCC.

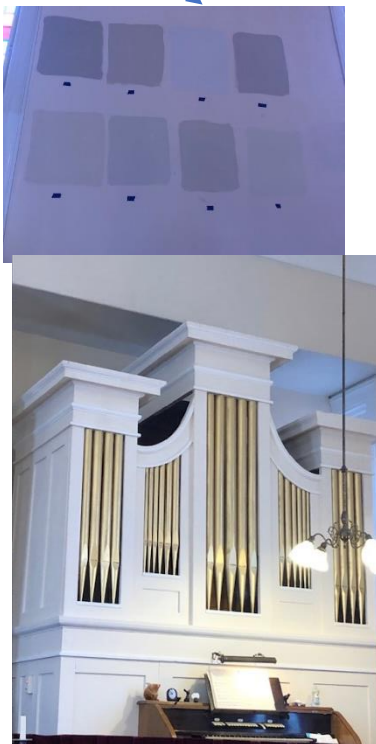
Please have your plant(s) to the church by March 30 to they can be set up for Easter Sunday the next day. And if you'd like your flowers to be in honor or in memory of someone, please respond to this email so it can be in the bulletin.

Flowers on the altar at Easter are very appropriate, especially the lily which symbolizes purity and innocence, as well as the resurrection of Jesus Christ.



RE-DEDICATING THE SANCTUARY

Last month, the sanctuary was painted with the color Biscuit. It was selected by the majority of members of the congregation who voted for the color among eight contenders.



The result is impressive! We especially like the gold leaf around the chandelier, but the Sanctuary looks so clean and bright. Many, many thanks to Alice Yoxall and Tammy Sehn for spearheading this project, and for Jerry and Dustin Sehn, and Dan Yoxall, helped by Alice & Tammy, for getting everything back into place for service on Sunday, Feb. 25. The Sanctuary was re-dedicated on March 17 during the morning service.

We can't forget the Food Pantry the next time we grocery shop. Even though it's spring, it is still cold and hunger does not go away. The needs go beyond food, however; the Food Pantry is pleased to receive health and beauty items as well. Anything which cannot be purchased with SNAP is most welcome. No one should go to bed hungry, and no one should do without essential health and beauty items so many of us take for granted. Giving to others is an act of worship, and in line with the teachings of Jesus.



There is a basket in the narthex where the contributions to the Food Pantry can be placed. Every other Tuesday, depending on how full the basket it is, your food and/or health and beauty donations are taken to the Waterville Food Pantry, where they are gratefully received. If you would prefer giving monetarily, please send your checks to:

Waterville Food Pantry
Box 22
Waterville, NY 13480

Many have noticed the many picture albums that were in the Prayer Room and removed during the painting of that room. While the vast majority are dated and notated, some of the pictures are

either undated or the event is not recorded. Therefore, I am asking for your help with some of them so the occasion and the people in the photos can be identified.



No date on this picture. Does anyone remember what the occasion was?

THANK YOU SO MUCH!



This is John Cornelius on the ladder. What is he doing? Is that Harry Goodson below? And who are the women? Again, there is no date on the picture





Is this a Women's Fellowship initiative? From left to right: Carol McLaren, Lois Cole, not sure who the little girl is, Mary Lloyd, Edie Eastman. Let me know if these are wrong and what this picture is about. Date on the picture is March, 1993.



This is probably when the floors in the Sanctuary were refinished. Does anyone know the date?

That's it for this month. There will be more in next month's newsletter.

THANKS so much for helping with the history of the church!!!

Is this when the church was sided? Is that Paul Eastman on the scaffolding?



- David Adams – March 23
- Olivia Vasquez – March 29
- Lawrence Gilley – April 2
- Connor Machold – April 4
- Zach Ellingson – April 7
- Joyce Ingraham – April 10
- Bruce Hopkins – April 11
- Barbara J. Adams – April 14



- McKenzie Taylor & Adam Kistner – March 19
- Mark & Debbie Taylor – March 22
- Tammy and Gerald Sehn – March 30
- Barbara & David Adams – April 5

Sunday School Pasta Supper

The pasta supper, prepared, provided, and presented by the Sunday School on March 16, was a great success: 74 people from the community were served the delicious lasagna and/or spaghetti, along with salad and garlic bread. The end of the meal was a brownie sundae. Of course, the beverage was included. The proceeds of the dinner which were entirely by donation are going toward

the Church World Service kits that the Sunday School has been putting together, as well as children's charities. So, all in all, a triumph for the Sunday School and for the lucky people whom they served.



Busy kitchen staff: Alan Lawton, Tammy Sehn, Dustin Sehn



Under the foil – garlic bread – yum!



Donation box



It was a wonderful meal out. Thank you over and over to the members of the Sunday School, who made up a very attentive waitstaff and who helped in the kitchen. Thanks also to teachers Tammy Sehn and Alice Yoxall, and Kelly Lawton.

ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Deansboro Congregational United Church of Christ took place on Sunday, March 17, 2024 after church. Sixteen church members and friends attended to hear reports from the various committees and the financial statement given by treasurer Tammy Sehn. Our assets and liabilities balance out at \$244,391.99, mostly, Tammy said, from lucky investments and increased generosity due to the improved economy. Following the reports, which were accepted, Moderator Rick Lloyd asked for comments. Dave Lloyd, Buildings and Grounds, reported that he is actively soliciting estimates for repairing the remainder of the church roof. He said it is in poor shape, and the sooner the roofing is addressed, the better. He also mentioned the part of the church that is not sided, and which needs repainting. He said, in his opinion, that part should be sanded and painted rather than sided to retain some of the character of the church. Lawrence Gilley said he thought that more interest and work should be put into outreach, for example sending out postcards detailing the time of the service, becoming a presence in the Memorial Day Parade, and placing more ads in the Waterville Times. This led to discussion about our growth as a church – how to get more people involved from the community – a perennial question. Times of the service from 9 a.m. were discussed which may bring more people in. The danger of that is disenfranchising those friends and members who like the 9 a.m. time. This is something the council will be discussing further.

We enjoyed coffee, tea, and treats while the meeting was ongoing. It was heartening to see so many people interested in the government of the church attending!



Tammy Sehn
delivering the
financial
statement



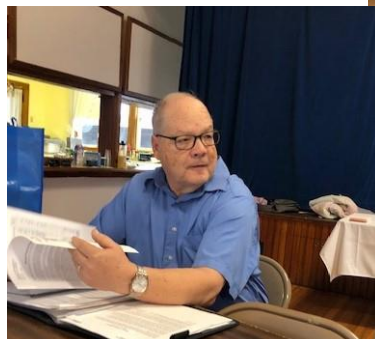
Diane Brady, Rev. Tom
Lawton, Susan Lawton



Mary Lou Rosecrants,
Clayton Lawton, Kelly
Lawton



A thoughtful moment: Patti
Cornelius, Joyce Ingraham, Gen
Cornelius



Rick Lloyd, Moderator



Easter Word Search

G S N O I T P M E D E R Y Y M
J J U Y K I R Y T T F X E O L
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APOSTLES
CROWN
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SON

CHURCH
FAITH
MARY
REDEMPTION
RISEN
SUNDAY

CROSS
JESUS
MIRACLE
REJOICE
SAVIOR
TOMB

