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Newsletter – April, 2024

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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:

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, Haiti, Gaza, 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!



The flowers on the altar were as lovely as usual. Many thanks to all who provided them! Below are the names of those remembered and the names of their loved ones.

The beautiful Easter flowers on the altar this morning are from the following:

IN MEMORY OF

**Mary Ann & Gerald McMullen
Paul Cornelius
Marilyn & Wesley Wood
Joe Brady
John Cornelius
Cpl. John Sigsbee
Joyce Lloyd
John Ingraham
Walter & Ruth Steinmann
Alexander & Ann MacLeod
George & Sheila Dangler
Henry & Marie Lash
Paul Lawton
Harry Goodson**

GIVEN BY

**Alice and Dan Yoxall
Joyce Corneilus and Family
The Wood & Brady Families
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The Cornelius Family
The Cornelius Family
The Cornelius Family
Joyce Ingraham
Joyce Ingraham
The Dangler Family
The Dangler Family
Susan Lawton & the Rev. Tom Lawton
Susan Lawton & the Rev. Tom Lawton
The Church Family**



IN HONOR OF

**Grandchildren
Barbara Lawton
Edie Eastman

Mark Taylor**

GIVEN BY

**Bob and Janet Dangler
Susan Lawton and Rev. Thomas Lawton
Church Family

Church Family**

RUMMAGE SALE

Start cleaning your closets! The Women's Fellowship will hold their annual spring rummage sale on Thursday, May 2 from 3-7; Friday, May 3 from 10-2, and Saturday, May 4 from 9-1, with a bake sale on Saturday the 4th.



Please bring your rummage anytime, and you can either leave it in the back entrance or in the Church House. The Women's Fellowship has not set any special times or days to sort rummage; anytime any of you have a spare hour or so, you'd be welcome to

open a bag and start placing the items on the tables that are placed. Some has been sorted already. We all know it's more fun to sort items with other people, but it's hard to coordinate schedules.

This sale will be on a pay-what-you-think-the-item(s)-is worth basis. Some people will find a treasure; many more are so pleased with their purchases, and that makes the whole sale worthwhile. If you can help sort, or help out on the days of the sale, you'd be welcome and that would be appreciated.

Please have your baked goods at the church by 8:30 on Saturday. The Sale begins at 9:00.

PLEASE BE SURE THE CLOTHES YOU DONATE ARE GENTLY USED, WITH ALL BUTTONS AND NO STAINS OR TEARS. ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEANED AND ASSEMBLED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE SO THEY WILL BE SALEABLE. ALSO, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE TVs, COMPUTERS OR MATTRESSES. THANK YOU!!!

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS

The Church World Service kits, those wonderful little packages of supplies and hope which mean so much to so many people around the world and in our country who are caught in natural or man-made disasters, will be dedicated April 21 at the morning service of worship. They will be taken to Rome to the Presbyterian church there, and then to the warehouse in Maryland, where they will be distributed to those in need. The Sunday School, with help from Church members and friends have assembled, so far, 54 School kits and 84 Health kits. Many of these supplies were purchased with money earned from the Sunday School Pasta dinner. They still need 70-page count spiral notebooks and blunt scissors (round tip) to complete their goal of 70 school kits.

Imagine being in a war zone, or surveying your home destroyed by a hurricane, and think of the relief those kits provide to those who are left with nothing. Putting these kits together is truly doing God's work.





HUMAN NEEDS FOOD PANTRY

Spring is here, and while we can admire the blossoming flowers and rejoice that winter is over, we cannot forget the fact that hunger never goes away. The Food Pantry in Waterville does so much to take the edge off hunger in our communities with your invaluable help. When we shop, we need to remember that not everyone has the ability to just drop by the grocery store. Necessities go beyond food, however. The Food Bank welcomes health and beauty items. Anything that cannot be purchased

with SNAP benefits is received gratefully. No one should go to bed hungry, and no one should go without essential health and beauty items which we all take for granted.

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

BRIEF NOTES FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING 4/14/24

- Tom Lawton would like to utilize the office in the basement. He has already done some painting down there, and wants to build more shelving to hold the many books he has collected. He thinks, at this time, he will have office hours on Tuesdays.
- It was DECIDED to have all the doors on the church keyed the same. That would mean the back door, the side door, the church house door, and the door to the basement would all use the same key.
- There will be a clock installed at the front of the church, over the front doors.
- Tom will be on vacation June 23 and June 30, and July 14.
- The next Council meeting will be May 19 following the service of worship. All church friends and members are welcome.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Zach Ellingson – April 7
Joyce Ingraham – April 10
Bruce Hopkins – April 11
Barbara J. Adams – April 14
Charles Fisher – April 17
Kassidy Steinmann – April 17
Debbie Taylor – April 19
Bob Dangler – April 20
Ciara Owens – April 20

Kelly Shifflett – April 22
Timothy Lloyd – April 27
Kelly Belouin – April 29
Adam Gianatelli – May 2
Paige Goodson – May 4
Dana Shifflett – May 5
Jordan Yoxall – May 5
Edith Eastman – May 9
Colleen Sullivan-Marris – May 10
Hunter Cornelius – May 12

Happy Anniversary

Linda and Paul Eastman – April 25
Alice and Dan Yoxall – May 10



Church Revitalization



The council decided to begin a possible church revitalization plan. A task force is being organized by Pastor Tom to investigate and ultimately recommend a plan for our church to use to help develop this revitalization project. The task force will begin by organizing itself and determine its purpose and its goals. This group will be conducting surveys and interviews to gain information, opinions, and viewpoints. They will be reviewing possible programs and services that presently exist and then researching what is working for other churches and organizations. One of the final tasks will be to put together suggested approaches and programs for the church to implement. One of the things the task force will be doing all along the way, is to keeping the council and the congregation informed. More information will be in the next church newsletter.

If you are interested in being a part of this task force, please contact Pastor Tom. He will be happy to answer any questions you may have. He can be reached on his cell phone (607 244-7799), or by emailing him at lawtont4@gmail.com.

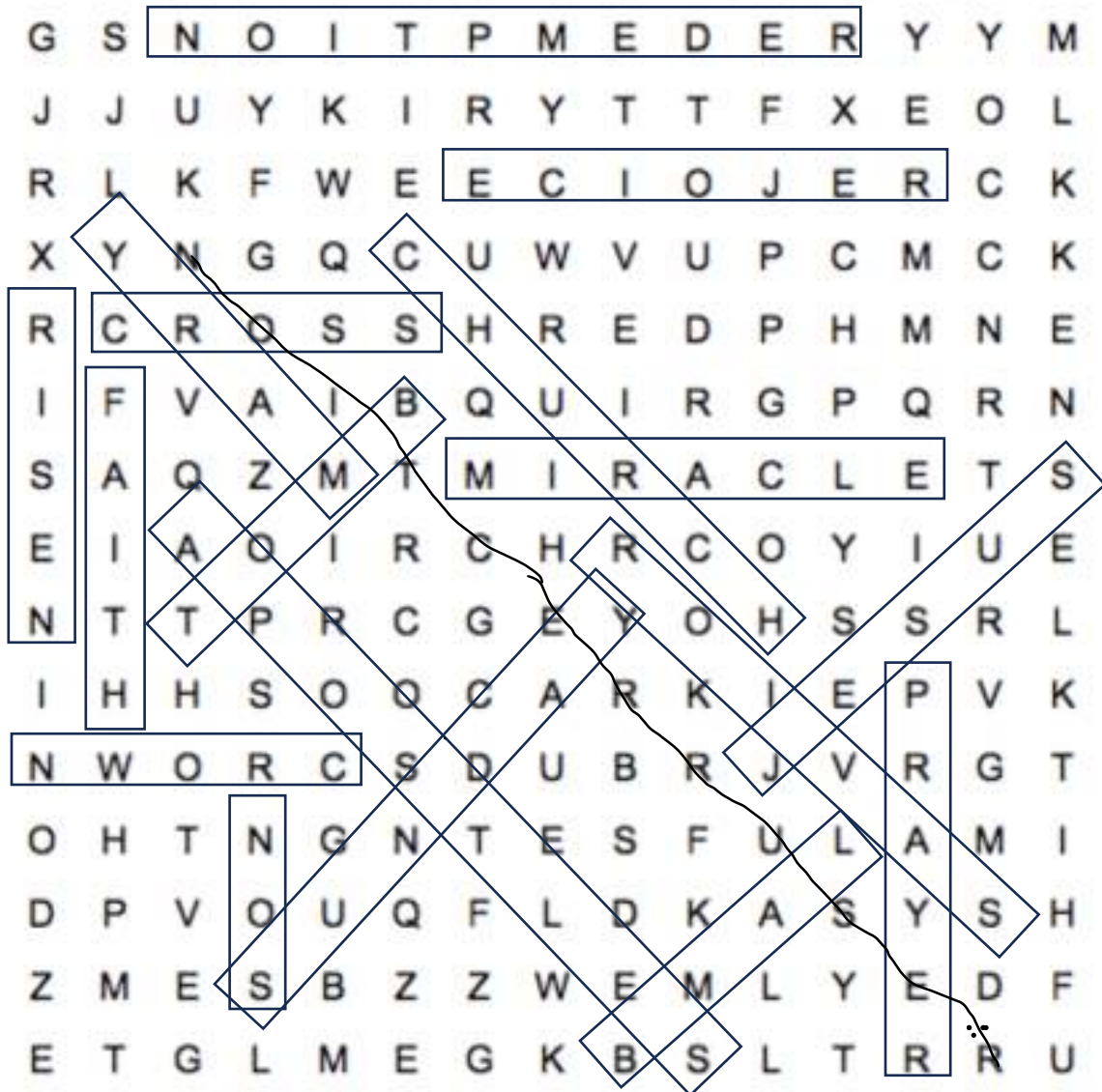
One Great Hour of Sharing

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. OGHS has responded to disasters in more than 45 countries, including the United States. Today, projects are underway all over the world. One Great Hour of Sharing funds make possible disaster relief, refugee assistance, development aid and more. The offering will be dedicated at the end of April.



sharing resources. changing lives.

Easter Word Search



~~APOSTLES~~
~~CROWN~~
~~LAMB~~
~~PRAYER~~
~~RESURRECTION~~
~~SON~~

~~CHURCH~~
~~FAITH~~
~~MARY~~
~~REDEMPTION~~
~~RISEN~~
~~SUNDAY~~

~~CROSS~~
~~JESUS~~
~~MIRACLE~~
~~REJOICE~~
~~SAVIOR~~
~~TOMB~~

