

Deansboro Congregational United Church of Christ
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Newsletter – June, 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

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7247 California Road ~ Deansboro, NY 13328

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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!

Annual Meeting of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ

The 2024 annual meeting of the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ met on May 31- June 1 in Binghamton, NY. On Thursday, May 31, three workshops were made available to authorized ministers in the NY conference. I attended the Culturally Responsive Ministry Training Module called Culture and Race. This workshop is a requirement for authorized ministers in the New York Conference and we very thought provoking and provided some great information. The business of the Annual Meeting included revisions to the UCCNY By-Laws, Reports from the Conference staff, election of officers, 2025 Budget, Recognition of new ONA churches and Climate Justice churches as well as a presentation from the New York Council of Churches. It was also announced that National Church has made the draft version of the new Manual on Local Church. Anyone is welcome to review this document and present comments. This document can be viewed at www.ucc.org/manual-on-church

The highlight of the weekend event, however, was the Worship & Installation Service for our newly elected Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams. The enlivened spirit-filled music was led by Exodus Praise Team from St. Albans UCC. Other Conference Ministers from the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference, the Pennsylvania Northeast Conference, the Southern New England Conference, the Indiana Kentucky Conference, the Central Atlantic Conference, and the Northern California Nevada Conference. The Southern New England Conference Minister, the Rev. Darrell Goodwin delivered a powerful, inspiring sermon call on Rev. Williams to remain true to her vision for the church and for us as members of the New York Conference to not only offer our thoughts and ideas but to especially offer our love, care and support.

The Conference in New York is alive and well. We all need to follow our new leader into a bright and promising future.

Pastor Tom Lawton

COUNCIL MEETING 6/9/24

The treasurer's report showed that our income to date is \$19,655.72, expenses came to \$12,620.91, with the net income \$7,034.81. There are some expenses in the future we should be aware of, for example the roofing.

Sacco's Locksmith in Utica has been contacted about rekeying the church locks. Tammy Sehm, who is heading up the project, is going to contact another locksmith in New Hartford to compare quotes.

Tom Lawton will be on vacation June 23 and 30, and July 14. He and Susan Lawton have been working on the office in the basement; the wall paper will stay for now, but the wall on the right as you come into the room has been painted a soft blue.

The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. We will dedicate that offering on June 16





A group of members and friends met at the church on Memorial Day to hand out small American flags to passersby. The result was that out of 100 flags, only 8 were left. Lots of people waved their flags as the parade went by, and many took them to the cemetery for the Memorial Day service. While this was a good way for people to be aware that our church is part of the community, perhaps next year we can come up with something that would make the church even more visible.



Pennies. You've probably got some in your pocket or the bottom of your purse, or even in the car or between the sofa cushions. Keep in mind **Pennies for People**, an on-going mission project of the United Church of Christ women.

Pennies for People is looking to provide grants for programs that may provide family counseling, financial counseling, temporary housing, low-cost health care, homeless shelters. Preference is given to programs, which do not receive large government funding. There is a jar in the narthex where you can place your pennies to help families who are struggling at the crossroads of life. Thank you for helping.



We have been noticing that fewer and fewer items have been left in the basket in the narthex to be taken to the Food Pantry in Waterville. This is especially worrisome, especially since school will be out soon, meaning one less nutritious meal for area children. The Food Pantry can help, especially with our contributions. Remember that in addition to food, health and beauty items are welcome. When out shopping, we need to keep those less fortunate in mind. The Food Pantry is happy to accept garden produce, as well. If you prefer to send a monetary donation, and many do, they will be grateful to you. Please send to:

Waterville Food Pantry
P.O. Box 22
Waterville, NY 13480

Congratulations!



The following young people from our church family have graduated from high school or college. We commend them for their hard work. If anyone is inadvertently left off this list, hearty congratulations go out as well.

- Kassidy Steinmann – graduated from Waterville Central School
- Logan Cornelius – graduated from Sherburne-Earlville CSD
- Connor Machold – graduated from Waterville Central School
- Zachary Ellingson – graduated from St. Leo University in Tampa, Florida

May God bless the graduates' lives with goodness, kindness and love; and may God help them to stay true to their dreams, whatever may befall them.

Georgina Fisher – June 23

Zoe Abrams – June 23

Noah Taylor – June 26

John Owens – July 2

Zoey Owens – July 3

Melissa Hopkins – July 11

Alexis Northrop - July 14



Kelly and Allen

Lawton – June 30

BIBLE TRIVIA

- 1. Noah sent two birds from the ark — what were they?** (Genesis 8:6-9)
 - Dove and sparrow
 - Dove and pelican
 - Dove and raven
 - Sparrow and eagle
- 2. What will be the outcome of honoring your father and your mother?** (Exodus 20:12)
 - Live long in the land
 - Prosper in all you do
 - You will be blessed to the seventh generation
 - You will have bountiful crops
- 3. To what city was Saul traveling when he saw a great light and Jesus asked, “Why do you persecute me?”** (Acts 9:3-4)
 - Damascus
 - Utica
 - Jerusalem
 - Philippi
- 4. Who changed his name to Israel and why?** (Genesis 32:28)
 - Moses, after he was found as a baby in a basket
 - Jacob, after he struggled with God
 - Daniel, after he came out of the lion’s den
 - David, after he won the battle with Goliath
- 5. God told Moses not to come any closer to the burning bush until he did what?** (Exodus 3:5)
 - Listen to an angel
 - Take off his sandals
 - Acknowledge God as the One True God
 - Sacrifice his son Isaac
- 6. Where did Jesus grow up after returning from Egypt?** (Luke 2:30-40)
 - Nazareth
 - Bethlehem
 - Jerusalem
 - Lower East Side

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Intern'l Joke Day	2	3	Independence Day	5	6
7 Communion	8 Islamic New Year	9	10 Teddy Bear Picnic Day	Cheer Up the Lonely Day	12	13
Samson Occom Day/Council Meeting	Nat'l. Give Something Away Day	16	17	World Listening Day	19	Space Exploration Day
Nat'l Be Someone Day	22	23	National Cousins Day	Summer Olympics Begin	26	Nat'l. Korean War Veterans Day
28 Parents Day	29	30 Internat'l Day of Friendship	31	Cell Phone Courtesy Month * National Park and Recreation Month * National Picnic Month * National Blueberry Month * National Ice Cream Month		

AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Homemade Pie Day	2	3
4 Communion	5	6	Hiroshima Day	Happiness Happens Day	Indigenous People Day	10
11 Council Meeting	12 Tisha B'Av	13	Nat'l Tell a Joke Day	Purple Heart Day	16	17
18 Tu B'Av	World Humanitarian Day	20	Tribute to Victims of Terrorism	22	23	Slavery Remembrance Day
Social Justice Sunday	Women's Equality Day	27	28	Individual Rights Day	Nat'l Grief Awareness Day	31