

Deansboro Congregational United Church of Christ
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Newsletter – August, 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

Sandy Bishopp

P.O. Box 293
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

Judy McMullen Gaudin

Mark Taylor

7247 California Road ~ Deansboro, NY 13328

Dave Georgius

2791 St. Rt. 12b,
Deansboro NY 13328

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!

Neighbors in Need is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. We will collect this special offering through the month of October.



Neighbors in Need



World Communion Sunday is a time when Christians all over the world break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm that Christ is the head of the church. We will observe the day **Sunday, October 6 at 9:00.** by celebrating with a breakfast of egg and potato casseroles, French toast casserole, fresh fruit, juice, bagels, and coffee and tea during the service of worship. We will extend that time of fellowship with the Service of Communion. This will all be held in the Church House.

BIBLE STUDY

The Bible Study group is studying the first 8 chapters of the Book of Acts. They meet after the morning Service of Worship, excepting October 13 & 27, and November 11. Following that will be the Advent Bible Study.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE KITS

Once again, it's time to think about the kits for Church World Service - those little packages of supplies and hope which mean so much to those caught in natural or man-made disasters. This is a good time to stock up on supplies for those kits for the Sunday School to put together. They hope to offer 75 school kits and 75 health kits, which will go out in April.

As a reminder, here are the items for the school kits and the health kits:

SCHOOL KITS

Give children in impoverished communities and refugee camps the basic tools for learning

- 1 pr. blunt scissors
- 3 70-count spiral notebooks
- 1 ruler (12")
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 1 large eraser
- 6 new pencils with eraser
- 1 box crayons (24)
- 1 cotton cloth bag with handle

PACK ALL ITEMS INSIDE CLOTH BAG

HEALTH KIT

Provide kits to make all the difference between sickness and health for struggling families

- one washcloth
- one hand towel 15 by 28 to 16
- one wide-toothed comb
- one fingernail or toenail clipper
- one bath-sized bar soap in wrapper
- one toothbrush in package
- 10 standard Band Aids®

FIT ITEMS IN GALLON ZIPLOCK

DO NOT ADD EXTRA ITEMS

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The Women's Fellowship has decided to have meetings again, hopefully to broaden their base. They have been set for the last Sunday in the month; therefore, this month the first meeting of the Women's Fellowship will be **September 29** after the Service of Worship. Every women associated with the church is welcome to join. The Fellowship organizes two rummage sales a year, a cookie/craft sale in December, all to benefit the church (funds for painting the church last fall came from the Women's Fellowship budget) and they would do more if the gathering starts growing instead of shrinking.

Members of the Women's Fellowship will make apple pies for the Harvest Dinner in October. They will meet Saturday, October 5 at 9:00 to do so and anyone interested to join in is very welcome. The pies will be frozen and baked at a later date. It's uncertain how many pies will be made, but if the Women's Fellowship exceeds the goal for the Harvest Dinner, they will be offered for sale. If



you'd like to join in on the fellowship and fun of making the pies, whether it is peeling the apples or rolling out the dough, please join in by showing up on October 5 or calling Alice Yoxall at 315-368-3216.



The rummage sale on September 5, 6, and 7 was a success, with the following results: Thursday - \$503; Friday - \$235; Saturday \$137.14, with \$197 for the Bake Sale, for a grand total of \$1,072.14. The sale continued on Saturday, September 14 from 9:00-noon and more money was raised - \$206.00, thanks to generous people who contributed what they could and what they wanted to donate.

Around the Church...

- Some of you may have noticed fire trucks around the church on Sunday, September 8. Tammy Sehn and Alice Yoxall were doing some cleaning in the church basement and smelled gas, so they called NYSEG to have it checked out, who dispatched the fire department to evacuate the building before they could get there. NYSEG found **no evidence of leaks**: they tested the boilers, the gas stove in the Prayer Room, the gas in the kitchen, and even upstairs in case the smell was from sewer gas. So all's well that ends well!
- Tammy Sehn is still waiting on a quote regarding rekeying the church. The idea is to have one master key for the entire building accessed only by a password.
- The toilet in the main floor (sanctuary) bathroom has been replaced, due to a leak in the old one, thanks to Dave Lloyd.
- It's not too early to think about Christmas! There will be a Blue Christmas service on December 22 at 5:30.
- Rick Lloyd will be trimming the maple tree in front of the church.
- David West of Munnsville will lead worship on October 27, when Tom is away.
- Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Revitalization Committee will be November 10.

HARVEST TURKEY DINNER

The date for the Harvest Turkey Dinner is October 19. It's not too early to mark your calendar, and offer your services in any way to help make this return of the popular Harvest Dinner a huge success! Be sure to contact Dave Lloyd, who is coordinating the dinner, at 315-525-0805 to volunteer. It's true that great things happen when many hands work together. There is a lot that can be accomplished and celebrated.

I BOW MY KNEES; a prayer for the church.

I pray that Christ may dwell in the Deansboro UCC church;
that it may be grounded in Christ's love, and
comprehend its true breadth.

I pray that the congregation may be empowered by the Holy Spirit, and
accomplish more than it can possibly hope or imagine.

I pray that it may be filled with all the fullness of God.

To God be glory in the church in heaven and on earth; and
in every generation, forever. Amen.

The Food Pantry in Waterville is accepting donations of food but also non-food items, such as shampoo, soap, paper towels, band aids, and other things which are not covered by the SNAP program. They are also happy to accept fresh garden produce. We have noticed that donations have fallen off recently. Please, when shopping, remember those less fortunate.

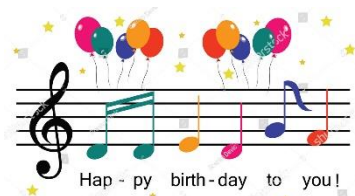


Leave your donations at the church, and they will be taken to Waterville. If you would rather send money, that is very helpful to the Food Pantry. Please mail your check to:

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

Church Revitalization Task Force

A group of four people have met several times already in order to recommend a plan for our church to use to help develop the revitalization project. The group is attempting to organize and determine its purpose and goals. Still, they have many ideas to share with the congregation, among them a regularly scheduled coffee hour; a pancake breakfast in November; and other ways in which our church can become a vital part of the community and help build relationships. The task force meets on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to become part of the task force, please contact Tom Lawton; his phone number is 607-244-7799 and his email is lawtont4@yahoo.com. In addition, if you have anything you'd like to bring to the Task Force's attention, please see Tom.



Judy Giannatelli – September 17
Linda Owens – September 18
Laura Peck – September 19
Karen Gentile – September 21
Jamie Townsend – September 23
Mark Goodson – September 25
Mary Kay Jones – September 25
Alexis Owen – September 25
Gavin Cotter – October 1
Jonathan Machold – October 1
Carol McLaren – October 2
Linda Camp – October 3
Colette Pierce – October 13
Jennifer DeWeerth – October 13



Dave and Deanna Lloyd
– October 5

Bob and Kelly Belouin –
October 7

Bob and Janet Dangler –
October 9

Judy and Joe Giannatelli
– October 10

Tammy and Todd
Cornelius – October 12



BIBLE QUIZ

Animals of the Bible

Match the question with the answer on the right.

QUESTIONS

___ Which animal saved Balaam's life?

___ What animal swallowed Jonah?

___ What animals appeared in Pharaoh's dreams?

___ Which king of Israel imported peacocks?

___ Who was **Jesus** only sent to help?

___ After **Jesus'** birth, what two birds did Mary and

Joseph offer as a sacrifice at the temple?

___ Who killed a lion with his bare hands?

___ Which animals appeared in the second plague of Egypt?

___ When the 12 spies visited the land of Canaan, which animal did they compare themselves to?

___ Before the Feast of Unleavened Bread, which animal did **Jesus** ride on into Jerusalem?

