

Deansboro Congregational United Church of Christ
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Newsletter – June, 2026

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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

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Also, keep in prayer those families seeking asylum in our great country who fear deportation; 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; 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!

On June 14, we welcomed The Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams, New York State Conference minister, who delivered the sermon on grace given to us by God - the title of her sermon was *What's Amazing About Grace* and yes, we sang the hymn together. She gave many examples of grace and of the sometimes-unexpected blessings we receive. During the service, which was held in the Church House, we enjoyed breakfast, organized by Patti Cornelius. Along with breakfast always comes fellowship, and there was plenty of it.



Dr. Williams toured the sanctuary, and remarked on how lovely it is. She also expressed her thanks for the warm welcome which was extended to her. As Tom said, it was a wonderful reflection on the spirit of our church.

A small but enthusiastic group met each Tuesday to cover seven chapters in the book *The Seven Mountain Mandate*, which explores seven ways the nation is being reshaped. Through discussion, we came to understand the difference between Christian Nationalism and the Christianity we know and love. Thanks to Tom for leading the often-robust discussion.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Women's Fellowship rummage "sale" realized almost \$2000 over a three-day period: June 6th, 7th and 9th, including the bake sale on the 9th. Many thanks to all who helped to set up the room for the sale, sorted the rummage, worked at the sale, and baked for the bake sale, and helped in a myriad of ways to make this sale which is not really a sale – people paid by donation – so successful!

Thanks to those who shopped! There were a lot of bargains for which many people took advantage. It was heartwarming to see so many people so thrilled with their purchases. The money raised will eventually benefit the church – the Women's Fellowship has spearheaded many projects, including painting the outside of the church.



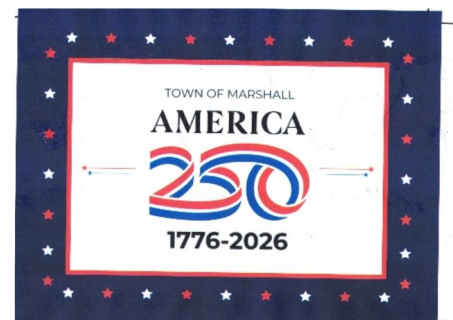
These lovely flowers were planted under the sign in front of the church. Linda Camp, who planted them, has asked that whenever anyone goes by to water them to keep them beautiful.



Monday, May 25, was Memorial Day. There was a parade down Main Street, just past the church on the way to the cemetery. A group of church friends and members handed out small American flags to passers-by in order to help make our presence known in the community

The Town of Marshall is planning a celebration to honor the 250th birthday of the United States, on July 11 and 12, and the church is a part of it. We will have a booth giving away American flags, pens, and 250th coins, as well as having a booth with kitchen items such as knives, baking pans, etc., as well as red-white-and-blue pot holders and scrubbies on Saturday the 11th.

On Sunday, July 12th, will be a joint service at the Pavilion behind the Town Hall. The service will be held at 10:00 a.m.



It will be led by Tom Lawton and Jennifer Neidhart of the UMC.

School is over, and so is at least one nutritious meal for some children. But we can help, every time we go to the grocery store. When shopping, keep in mind those people who are less fortunate by donating food and health and beauty items to the Food Pantry. Anything that cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits is welcome. No one should go to bed hungry, and no one should go without health and beauty items we all take for granted. If you would prefer giving monetarily, please send your checks to:



Waterville Food Pantry
Box 22
Waterville, NY 13480



Our Pastor, Tom Lawton, would like to visit those who are unable for whatever reason to come to church. If you would like a call or a visit from the Pastor, please write him at the email above (lawtont4@yahoo.com) or call him at (607) 244-7799; or speak with any members of the Church Council

Answers to May's Bible quiz:

1. "In my Father's house are many dwelling places. I _____.
a. "Will go to prepare a place for you."
2. "I will _____, and take you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also."
a. "come again."
3. Thomas said to Him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way? Jesus answered, "I am _____. No one comes to the Father except through me."
a. "the way and the truth and the life."
4. Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time Philip, and yet you have not come to know me? He who _____ has seen the Father; how can you say 'Show us the Father?'"
a. "has seen me"



Linda Eastman – June 15
Georgia Fisher – June 23
Zoe Abrams – June 23
Noah Taylor – June 26
John Owens – July 2
Zoey Owens – July 3
Justin Hopkins – July 11



Ed & Jamie Townsend – June 15
Alan and Kelly Lawton – June 30