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Newsletter – October, 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

Judy McMullen Gaudin

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

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7247 California Road ~ Deansboro, NY 13328

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2106 Bleecker Street – Apt. B-339 ~ Utica, NY 13501

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2577 State Route 315
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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!

Harvest Dinner Drive-Thru: Good Food, Great Fellowship & Plenty of Ways to Help!

Mark your calendars—our annual Harvest Dinner Drive-Thru is Saturday, October 24th!



Harvest Dinner is one of our favorite church traditions—a chance to work together, catch up with friends, share a few laughs, and serve our community. Whether you have an hour or a whole day, there's a way you can help!

Here's How You Can Join the Fun:

- Before Monday, October 19 – **Let us know you can help!** Stop by the church or contact Dave (315-525-0805), Tammy (315-272-8497, or Alice (315-368-3216). We need extra hands for food prep, setup, serving, ticket sales, and cleanup.
- Monday, October 19 at 9:00 AM – **Bread Cutting** - We need 2–3 helpers to cut bread for the stuffing. A small job that makes a big difference!
- Thursday, October 22 – **Turkey Day** - We'll cook turkeys. Join us at 1:00 PM to help break down and prepare the cooked turkeys.
- Friday, October 23 at 1:00 PM – **Food Prep Day** - Help us peel potatoes and squash while we visit and catch up. No special skills needed—just come join us! Bring your friends!
- Saturday, October 24 – **Dinner Day!** 8:00 AM: Make stuffing, 11:00 AM: Slice turkey, 1:00 PM: Final food prep. Come for the part that works best for you—we'll be glad to have you!
- Saturday, October 24 at 3:00 PM – **Drive-Thru Time!** Help welcome our guests, sell dinner and Quilt Raffle tickets, fill orders, and send everyone home with a great meal.
- Saturday, October 24 at 4:00 PM – **Cleanup Crew Gets Rolling** Once dinner service is underway, we'll start cleaning up. Grab a dish towel, broom, or whatever needs doing and jump in. Many hands make light work!

Can't Help With Prep?

Come for dinner! The drive-thru begins at 4:00 PM, and every dinner helps support our church.

And if volunteering isn't possible this year, please keep our Harvest Dinner crew – and especially the weather! – in your prayers.

An hour, an afternoon, a prayer, or a dinner—every little bit helps. Come join your friends and be part of the fun!



On Sunday morning, October 4, we observed World Communion Sunday, which has special meaning for every Christian around the world. Whether we celebrate Communion by passing the bread and wine communily or observe it privately (or secretly), we break bread and pour the cup together to remember and affirm that Christ is the head of the church.

The service began with the Call to Worship, first hymn, Opening Prayers, and the Lord's Prayer. Then breakfast began. Coffee was available, along with French toast casserole, egg casserole, potato casserole, fruit, muffins, cinnamon rolls and bagels. Afterward, the Service of Worship resumed. We extended the time of fellowship by observing Communion. It was a wonderful time of being together, and enjoying each other's company. Many thanks to everyone who prepared a breakfast dish or brought additions to the meal, which we enjoyed. Special thanks to those who set up the room, placing the tablecloths, and decorating with fall leaves and autumn flowers. The sermon was based on Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 and Matthew 21:33-26. The sermon title was Wisdom for the Way, building our lives upon Christ and teaching us to walk with humility and courage.

Oneida Association Meeting

The Annual Fall Meeting of the Oneida Association of the New York United Church of Christ Conference was held October 3. Members of the Association met for a light breakfast and a short service of worship prior to the meeting. Many concerns were expressed during the meeting, and it was quite enlightening to learn that many churches had the same plight: that of dwindling congregations. Following the meeting, a lunch was served, but only a few stayed to enjoy it. Many thanks to those who prepared the food, set up the Church House and decorated it, and to everyone who offered hospitality to our visitors.



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About 17 women came to the Church House on October 10 to make apple pies for the Harvest Dinner on October 24. 75 pies were made. Along with cutting up the apples, rolling out the dough, and adding spices, a lot of fun and laughter and fellowship were had. There are some pies for sale for $15; ask Alice Yoxall to reserve one for you.

We celebrated the worship service in the Church House on October 11. It was great to be together, and was well-attended. Coffee was served, and there were some goodies to enjoy with it. We will meet again in the Church House the second Sunday of November, so keep that in mind.



Do you know of anyone looking for a suitable venue for a family dinner or meeting or any kind of gathering? Consider the Church House. The kitchen is fully stocked of any kind cooking utensil you'll ever need, and you'll find a dishwasher, stove and sink, and dishes and silverware. The bathrooms are clean and available. All you'd need is the food.

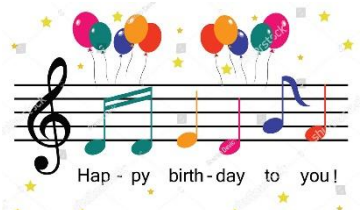
The room seats about 100 people. Check with any member of the Church Council if this is something that appeals to you or someone you know. A donation to the Church is very welcome.

The Food Pantry is always in need of food, as well as personal care items like shampoo, deodorant, etc. Imagine if you were hungry and there was no food in the house, or if there was just enough to go around with no seconds. Most of us are so lucky – we eat when we are hungry and sometimes between meals - and we should keep in mind those who are less fortunate. When we grocery shop, we need to remember to pick up a few items which will be gladly accepted by the Food Pantry in Waterville. If you would rather support the Food Pantry financially, money is welcome as well.

You can send your donation to:
Waterville Food Pantry
P.O. Box 22
Waterville, NY 13480

When you turn in at night on October 31, remember to set your clocks back an hour and enjoy that extra hour of sleep before heading off to church. Daylight Saving Time (DST) comes to an end on November 1. Daylight Saving Time is the practice of moving the clocks forward one hour in the spring and shifting them back again in the fall. The primary goal is to maximize the use of natural daylight. By moving the clocks back in fall, there is more daylight during winter mornings, and earlier sunsets. Remember, "spring forward, fall back."





Mark Goodson – September 25
Mary Kay Jones – Sept. 25
Alexis Owen – Sept. 25 Marr
Judy Manchester – Sept. 25
Gavin Cotter – October 1
Linda Camp – October 3
Colette Pierce – October 13
Jennifer DeWeerth – Oct. 13
Ginny Marris – October 19
Tricia Gibbons – Oct. 20
Garrett Marris – October 21



Deanna & David Lloyd – October 5

Kelly & Bob Belouin – October 7

Janet & Bob Dangler – October 9

Judy & Joe Giannatelli – October 10

Tammy & Todd Cornelius – October 12



"May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." – Romans 15:13

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