

Newsletter

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sid Ward celebrates his birthday on June 16th

Donna Changelo celebrates her birthday on June 17th

Sandy Bowen celebrates her birthday on June 20th

On July 1st Jan Ward celebrates her birthday

on July 5 Jeremie celebrates his birthday

On July 23rd Carol McDonald celebrates her birthday

On July 28th Connie Morrison celebrates her birthday

Church Staff

Russ Mulvey – Choir/Bell
Choir Director

Eric Klotzko – Pianist

Jeremie/Ashley Fish –
Administrative Assistant

Don Morrison – Lay
Leader

A Note From the Pastor

Unexpected Surprises

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”
Isaiah 43:19



One of the things I love about springtime is that the earth is full of surprises. I came home from church the other day and Tony had planted some small pansies in a flower box on our deck. He found them blooming in the lawn, survivors from last year’s flower box that we had emptied in the fall! Thought to be dead, now lifting their colorful faces in praise to the sky, in response to God’s provision of warmth and rain and sun.

Life is full of unexpected surprises. God is always doing a new thing. Sometimes we miss these because we are too busy or preoccupied to notice.

Springtime is the perfect season to experience anew the miracles of God; it is no coincidence that the Easter season coincides with spring. As nature emerges from winter slumber, so do our spirits bloom with new life. What miracles might God be doing in your life, as yet unnoticed but soon to be discovered? What new things might God be doing in your midst, as yet unseen but soon to be revealed? What things did you assume to be dead, out of which suddenly emerged new life (or opportunity or growth)?

We are just weeks past the celebration of Easter Day. In the church year we are still in the Season of Easter, headed toward Pentecost. We know that there is more to come. More power, more joy, more celebration, more miraculous signs, more lives changed, and more spiritual fruit that we will bear as the winds of the Spirit move in us and through us. In this newsletter, you will see a glimpse of the many ways we are already enjoying this spiritual season!

Let us remember that Christ rose not to give us a Resurrection Day, but a Resurrection Life. A life rich in relationship with God, with people, and with all who share this planet. A life filled with the expectation of miracles, big and small. A life filled with growth and purpose and hope!

Rise up, Easter People, and lift your voices in praise!

In Christ’s Love;

Pastor Chrys

June/July Edition

Regional Events

First United Methodist Church of Saranac Lake

Hosts a community supper every Wednesday at 6 pm

They will also have a summer yard sale on July 28th and 29th at 9-7 and July 30th 9-Noon

Plattsburgh United Methodist Church

will also be hosting a strawberry festival and book sale June 29th beginning at 11 am and running until 7 pm

Announcements

The office is now open Tuesday and Friday from 10 to 12 noon.

Interested in joining our talented choir or bell choir? Please see Russ Mulvey for more information.

The UMW raised enough money to buy 58 blankets! Thank you all for your support.

A Note From the Trustees

2016 was a busy year for the trustees!

The major project was to redo the social room foundation and floor. This was required due to the instability of the floor joists resulting in a uneven floor. But while we were at it we discovered we needed to upgrade our electrical infrastructure to bring it up to code and we redid the ceiling. The second major project was the replacement of the windows in the sanctuary. The result is a much more efficient window that also gives us more airflow. The other projects were; painting the parsonage, putting in a drain in front of the Narthex, painting the window frames in the sanctuary and numerous smaller projects. For 2017 we have put together a list of priorities, so we can properly budget for the churches infrastructure requirements. The highest priorities are; repairing the septic for the thrift shop; fixing the thrift shop roof leaks (done); installing rain gutters on the Narthex; improving the drainage on the highway side of the church and painting the church steeple, Narthex triangle and social room wind trim. Two bigger projects that we are still planning are; a parking lot improvement project between the church and the Ruben Sanford bldg and replacing the sanctuary ceiling. We do have funding for all these projects, except the sanctuary ceiling. Many thanks to the member of the trustees past and present for making these projects a reality. And Don Morrison for his help and guidance.

Kids Club

Kids Club kicked off in March and we are enjoying a successful spring start with 11 amazing children and the active involvement of 9 adult helpers! Our purpose is to provide Christian grounding and spiritual growth for children in a complex world. In so doing, we are making young disciples and growing in our own discipleship as well.

We meet on Monday afternoons after school until 5PM. The children are learning songs of faith and Bible lessons that stay with them through the week. Our time is also fun-packed with creative crafts, fun games and skits, and delicious snacks. As part of our Kids Club mission component, the children make Care Cards and prayer blankets.

Many thanks to all who support this new outreach ministry. Your words of affirmation and prayers, your donations for crafts and snacks, of time and expertise are supporting a program that strengthens families and children in so many ways.

Thrift Shop

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Upcoming Events

“Mission U” is planned for September 8-10, at Silver Bay YMCA conference center.

The two studies offered are “living as a covenant community”: spiritual growth” and “Missionary conferences of the United Methodist Church in the US”: geographic study.

Please see Mildred for more information.

Mildred is looking for a roommate for this event.

Registration is due in July

*Save the date Friday July 21st there will be a luncheon at church to honor the June, July, and August Birthdays.

Details to be discussed at a UMW meeting after worship on June 4th

June 18 UMW will be collecting money for “Tools for Hope” in honor of Fathers Day

Saturday July 22nd Iron Man Picnic at 5pm at the Church

Ever wonder what goes on in the "Receiving Room" at the Thrift Shop? Most days are more hectic than you can ever imagine. On a busy day, we probably go through 50 - 100 bags and boxes of stuff. Books and fabric goes to Fran, shoes and stationery items to Tom, electronics or anything that looks like electronics to Frank, clothing to the ladies in the back, toys to the baby room, tools and skis to the guys in the furniture room, seasonal stuff into special bins labeled for that "season". The rest of the stuff stays with us - Billie, Ginny, Nancy, Carol, Helene, Barb, Frank and anyone else we can get to work there! Billie is our go to for most questions on "should this go out" or "is this good enough to go out"

--- and her answer for that last question is usually "NO". "If in doubt, throw it out" is what we live by. We are constantly talking about what we have and where it should go. Anything dirty but salable is cleaned, plugged in, checked for parts, etc. We all take stuff home to work on, Billie takes the most! We have found some extremely interesting stuff this year -

Dale of Norway sweaters, antique sterling silver coffee pots, collectible art, Mickey Mouse 1939 yarn holder,

Golden Books, stuff we can't identify (!), etc. In a box of dusty junk we have found carnival glass, Fiesta ware, Fenton glass, old art pieces, just to name a few. And what do we do with this stuff? We take it home, wash it carefully, look it up, ask around, repair it, maybe take it to be appraised (Jeri Wright has been a big help on this), send photos of it to knowledgeable friends. You name it! We want to sell at great prices for our customers, but we want them to know that we know what it is and what it is worth! Oh and sometimes what we find isn't so great - dead mice, mouse droppings, dirty diapers, moldy stuff, sharp knives in places we're not expecting them, broken glassware and just plain dirty stuff. All in a day's work! The receiving room: the first place stuff comes and the last place most people want to work!

United Methodist Women

The organized unit of United Methodist women shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God and to experience freedom as a whole person through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church. UMW support programs for women, children and teens in the US, locally and around the world. Our unit also donates to church world service for blanket funds and tools of hope coming up for Father's Day.