

Whiteface Community

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Marilyn McDonald celebrates her birthday October 8th

Rocco Changelo celebrates his birthday October 12th

Scott McDonald celebrates his birthday October 21st

Cora Trumbull celebrates her birthday November 1st

Mildred VanHolten celebrates her birthday November 2nd

Church Staff

Russ Mulvey – Choir/
Bell Choir Director

Eric Klotzko – Pianist

Jeremie/Ashley Fish –
Administrative Assistant

Don Morrison – Lay
Leader

**Church Phone-518-
946-7757**

Riverside Thrift Shop

A Note From the Pastor



Our Church Conference this year will be held at our church this year on Tuesday, October 2 at 7PM, with the SPRC meeting at 6PM. Rev. Debbie Earthrowl began as our District Superintendent in July, so this year she is making the rounds to each of the charges and personally leading the time! So this is a rare opportunity for us to have Church Conference in our own church! I assure you that you will be blessed to meet her!

Each new DS wants to get to know their churches personally, so I hope that all of you will come. If it is difficult for you to drive in the dark, perhaps we can arrange some carpooling.

Debbie will be interested to hear what we have been up to, how we are growing in our own discipleship, how we are making disciples, and how we are making a difference in the world around us. She will want to know things like what ministries inspire and energize us, what God is doing in our midst, what our vision is for the next few years and our thoughts on how we might achieve that. She will want to know what our challenges are and how we are embracing and responding to them and how she and the Conference can assist.

In other words, this is your chance to shine :)! (not that you don't anyway.)

Just a reminder that everyone is warmly welcome to attend and have voice. If you are listed on our slate of officers (ie, you belong to a committee) you are strongly encouraged to attend if at all possible. On the couple of things requiring a congregational vote, only church members may vote. If you are not yet a member and wish to be, see me, and we can make that happen!! Even if you live here sometimes and have a home church elsewhere, you can also hold associate or affiliate membership here.

Be sure to peruse these pages thoroughly – there are many opportunities to feed your spirit, be a part of ministry and mission, and also to hold our various church ministries in prayer. If you are seeking something that is not currently being offered, ask me and let's see what we can do.

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Regional Events

First United Methodist
Saranac Lake- FREE
Community Supper 5PM
every Wednesday

District Superintendent
instillation service at
Plattsburgh Methodist
Church

Upcoming Events

Church Conference 7pm
at church

Fruit Bowl & Communion
Sunday October 7th

Knitting group will meet
the third Sunday of the
month following church

Domestic Violence
Presentation October 16 at
6pm at church

Holiday Bazaar & Silver
Tea November 17 from 1-
3pm

Announcements

The Office is open every
Tuesday 10-12 &
Wednesday 9-11

Look over our new and evolving Intentional Discipleship Process/Plan. Reflect on how you got here, where you are now on this journey, and set your spiritual and discipleship goals. What do you need in order to get there?

Whiteface Community UMC Intentional Discipleship Process



PEDAL

P: Points of Contact

E: Entry

D: Deeper

A: Acts of Service

L: Leadership

Points of Contact – sense of self: receiver, seeker

Thrift Shop customer
Pumpkin painting booth
Back to School Beach Party
Jay News
Whiteface Visitor's Bureau Website
Church Website
Church Facebook page
Personal invitation
Community forums
Community dinners
Prayer basket at Thrift Shop

Entry – sense of self: visitor, connected from the outside

Visiting worship
Thrift Shop – volunteer
Kids Club student or family
Kids Club events for families
Choir
Thrift Shop volunteer

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Deeper - sense of self: welcomed, belonging, growing In relationship to Christ through the church, sense of inside connection.

Regular worship attendance
Discovering and using spiritual gifts
Attending small group studies
Attending fellowship groups

Building relationships in the congregation
Helping with events and ministries
Church membership

Acts of Service - sense of self: part of and invested in the church/ministry, desire to “give back”, fully connected.

Participation in outreach opportunities
Participating in the leading of worship
Investing one’s self in the health and growth of the church (prayer, presence, gifts and service)
Interested in personal Disciple-formation for the transformation of the world

Leadership – sense of self: part of the forward movement of the church and disciple-formation, seeing oneself as a transformational disciple

Teaching
Leading small group study
Initiating or leading faith-growth events
Initiating or leading mission projects
Leading worship
Growing in ability to introduce others to Christ

*Sense of self in relationship to the church. Relationship to Christ is varied at the start, but expected to deepen through the process.

UMW

Thanksgiving is just around the corner! We are gearing up for our annual UMW Holiday Bazaar. Saturday, November, 17, 1-3PM. We need donations of baked cookies for the cookie walk and the Silver Tea table. Bonnie

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is planning to create wreaths, so please talk to her if interested in helping. Something new this year will be our Chinese Auction. Please join us for your afternoon tea or coffee and some goodies! We look forward to seeing you.

Church Growth

The Church Growth Team has been quite active planning and facilitating events. We had an excellent turnout for the taco bar we served between 55-60 people! Most of the folks who attended our taco event had never stepped foot into our church.

Our October upcoming events will include a Domestic Violence presentation on October 16 at 6pm in the sanctuary with refreshments to follow. We hope you are able to join us a bring a few friends.

SPRC

The following is a narrative description of the SPRC-Pastor Covenant required by Conference to be updated annually and shared with the congregation. A covenant is a statement of how we will function together to achieve our mutual goals. A covenant can also be described as a “promise” or an even stronger synonym, “contract” between two parties, as both are accountable for their part.

One of the jobs of the Staff/Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) is to meet with the pastor and prayerfully share conversation, which will produce mutually accepted goals. Our committee, representing the congregation, selected two major goals for disciple-making ministries in the coming year. They are to continue the Outreach/Mission Committee, renamed the Church Growth Team, and to continue to support and grow the faith-based Kid’s Club outreach to local families. The Church Growth Team has offered several opportunities for outreach and interaction with our community with good success. The Kid’s Club registration is now 15 kids and a Kid’s Club formatted activity has been started during worship time at the request of several of our Kid’s Club families. The SPRC and congregation will actively recruit leaders and workers with the gifts and desire to fulfill these outreach goals. The Pastor commits to increasing her leadership capacity by participating in ongoing leadership training. She will prayerfully discern parishioner’s gifts and encourage them to take leadership and support roles in all areas of church life. The covenant includes the ways the congregation and pastor will endeavor to grow spiritually together. A few of these are; second Sunday suppers, Bible studies and book discussions, and the email prayer chain. To support our

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outreach goals, in addition to Kid's Club and the Church Growth Team, the pastor and congregation will continue to utilize the Riverside Thrift Shop as a means to meet and reach out to the community, invite people to attend worship services and fellowship meals, attend Bible studies, support UMW events and missions, and support the Sunday School/Kid's Club program. As with any covenant, the congregation and the pastor are each accountable for following through to achieve our goals. How do we handle it when we disagree on a goal, or when one party feels the other is not doing what they agreed to? Our answer is that, following the example of Christ, we will endeavor to communicate honestly, without blame or judgment. We will use boundaries to isolate the true reason for a conflict, recognizing there few absolutes. We call upon, and trust God, for empathy, understanding, forgiveness and discernment. This is a tried and true method that promotes healthy relationships, teamwork, growth and fruitfulness.

We welcome the congregation's feedback on, and input to, the covenant with our pastor. Although we cannot invite you to our meetings, as they are confidential, we are available to you. Please feel free to contact any of the committee members to speak in confidence about any concern or affirmation you may have. The committee members are: Barbara Signorelli, Ginny Guille, Alice Pelkey, Mildred VanHolten, Marilyn Ward, Jen Cantwell, Carol McDonald, Sid Ward, Don Morrison, Chrys Beck, and myself.

Nancy Rine, SPRC Chair

Sunday School

It's Autumn and Sunday School has begun again! We have had a small but faithful class of students so far. Miss Diane taught the first official class with a discussion about God's gifts using fallen leaves. She said, "We identified them and discussed that they are all trees, but each produces something different (acorns, maple syrup, beech nuts) that others can use (people, squirrels, chipmunks, bears). Then we talked about people and how God has given us different gifts that other people can use". Thank you, Miss Diane, for this important lesson!

This Sunday, Miss Jenn continued with the leaf theme by taking the children outside to collect as many different leaves as they could find. We brought them in and did leaf rubbings with crayons over paper. Some are posted on the bulletin board in the classroom. One student asked why we were focusing on leaves. Miss Jenn reminded her of the Prayer Plant that Pastor Chrys showed them earlier and said, "Sometimes we need something to see or touch in order to understand what Jesus taught us about God's love". Hopefully, we will continue to have more open-ended discussions in the Sundays to come.



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