

Whiteface Community

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Marilyn Ward celebrates her birthday February 1st

Don Morrison and Mitch Dickerson celebrate their birthday's on March 10th

Church Staff

Russ Mulvey – Choir/Bell
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Eric Klotzko – Pianist

Jeremie/Ashley Fish –

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A Note From the Pastor

It is hard to believe that Lent begins in just one month – on Sunday, March 1! The seasons of Advent and Lent are similar in that each calls us to slow down and focus on the main event, the Reason for the respective holidays of Christmas and Easter, maybe better termed Holy Days. The difference is that Advent represents a time of waiting for the Messiah (remembering how the Israelites waited) and our current waiting for Christ to return, whereas Lent calls us inward to reflect on the passion and sacrifice of Jesus and what our response will be in the refining of our lives to be more Christ-like. One way I like to think of this is that Advent and Christmas are about celebrating the coming of Christ Emmanuel (God with us) while Lent and Easter are about becoming partners with God through continual personal transformation (of mindset and spirit) and partnership with Christ in ushering in the Kin(g)dom of God where love is the guiding principle in all things.

Sometimes, people seeking a deeper walk with Christ will choose to give up something for Lent. Something that they love, like chocolate or coffee or watching a favorite TV show. They will use the ensuing temptation as an opportunity to rely on God more fully. Sometimes people will choose to add a new discipline to their lives – maybe a daily devotion, or donating a segment of time to a ministry. It is interesting to note that the 40 days of Lent is considered to be the minimum amount of time required to instill a new habit! So, for example, if you commit to reading your Bible for 15 minutes a day for 40 days in a row, chances are very good that you will continue to do so after the 40 days have passed!

I am inviting you to join me in reading a book over the Season of Lent. If you commit 15 minutes a day, you can complete a chapter a week. We will meet to discuss what we have read, but if you can not make the discussion times, don't let that stop you from reading. The book is entitled, [Christ in Crisis: Why We Need to Reclaim Jesus](#), by Jim Wallis. You can buy it from Amazon, or let me know and I will order it for you. The cost is \$16.

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Our vision is that every person we encounter will know God's love and share it!

Upcoming Events

Ash Wednesday Service will be on February 26th at 8am.

We will have a movie night on March 3rd at 6pm.

We have a book study on March 5th beginning at 6pm.

Don't forget to turn you clocks forward March 8th!

Community Events

Wood Wire and Voice held by Plattsburgh UMC at 127 Beekmen Street from 7 to 9 PM on the third Friday's of the month.

"In Christ in Crisis, bestselling author, renowned speaker and iconic Christian activist Jim Wallis argues that our cultural political crisis largely stems from how the American church has become disconnected from the teachings of Jesus Christ."

"As he has done throughout his career, Wallis's prophetic vision and pastoral wisdom both provoke and counsel, guiding us forward during this time of confusion and fear. He reveals how following the teachings of Jesus emboldens and empowers us to "be not afraid," but to act in "courage and hope."

We will meet on Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM beginning March 5 and ending on April 30, in the Fellowship Room. I will be opening this to the community as well so please invite anyone you think would be interested.

I am excited to be offering this book study and for the lively and soul-expanding discussions that we will have!

Blessings,
Pastor Chrys



Kids Club

The Kids Club Team has expanded our ministry to families with a monthly dinner held generally on the first Monday of each month at 5 PM. If you feel called to give a hand or to come and mingle with families and students, come on in! Feedback from families has been very positive and we are enjoying the opportunity to get to know them better!

Missions

Hygiene Kit Due- February 16

Value: \$12.00 per kit Hygiene Kit Materials

- * One hand towel (15 x 25 –17 x 27 inches) - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- *One washcloth - No kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- *One comb - Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth - No pocket combs or picks - Rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6 inches of teeth
- * One toenail or fingernailclipper -No emery boards or metal nail files
- * Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger) - No Ivory or Jergen's soap - Do not remove from packaging

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- * One adult toothbrush - Do not remove from packaging - Personal advertising not acceptable
 - * 10 adhesive bandages (¾ by 3 inches) - Common household bandages acceptable
 - * One one-gallon size re-sealable bag. Assembly Instructions
 - * Lay hand towel flat on a table.
 - * Lay the washcloth in the center of the hand towel.
 - * Place all remaining items on top of the washcloth (except the plastic bag).
 - * Fold the sides of the hand towel to cover the items.
 - * Grasp the bundle tightly and roll over the remainder of the towel.
 - * Place the tightly rolled bundle in the plastic bag, remove air, and seal.
- Important Notes:
- * All items must be new.
 - * Do not wash any of the items as they will no longer be considered new.
 - * Do not include any personal notes, money or additional materials in the kits.
 - * Contents of kits or the containers of kits should not be imprinted with cartoon characters, advertisements, religious, patriotic, military or camouflage symbols
 - * Please (if possible) send a check for the total amount of hygiene kits times \$2 per kit for the cost of toothpaste and shipping to Sager Brown. One check may be written for all of the kits.

Smiling

Smiling is infections. You catch it like the flu.
When someone smiled at me today I started smiling too.
I walked around the corner and someone saw me grin.
When he smiled I realized I had passed it on to him.
I thought about the smile and then realized its worth.
A single smile like mine could travel round the earth.
So if you feel a smile begin don't leave it undetected.
Start an epidemic and get the world infected. -*Spike Milligan*

God And Nature

The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quiet, alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be. -
Anne Frank

Lent

We mark the beginning of Lent with an Ash Wednesday service on February 26th from 8-830 am.

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