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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



"All of our services are on Facebook weekly at 9:15 and on our Website every week. "

This year will mark a milestone for the Malcolm Davis Food Pantry at North Main Street United Methodist Church. When I first joined North Main the pantry was a tiny food closet in the Nursery area of the Church. It was stocked with non-perishable items that people could easily access via the office when needed. When Malcolm and Judy took the Basic Lay Servant Class, they needed to start a personal mission, and they chose the Food Pantry. A shopping Cart on the Altar was the next step and members of the Congregation filled the cart. That was the indication that we needed a larger space for the Food Pantry. That was when we moved to the now unoccupied Parsonage next door. We have certainly grown since then and now serve over 400 people a month that equates to almost 100 families when we include the regular distribution day and the Emergency distributions that we do during the month.

The food that we purchase comes mostly from the Regional Food Bank in Albany and is delivered to us with their large trucks twice a month. We average around 2,000 lbs of food per delivery. We are required to give three days of food per pre-packed bag that we give out. Thanksgiving is coming up for this Month's Food Distribution, and we are planning an extra special day for our clients if we can. How can we afford to do this without using any of our Church's Pledge money? We write grants and pray that God will help us find a way to continue to be in this Mission to our Community. Many of our members and our Community give additionally to the Food Pantry. Every dollar donated helps to serve a family four meals according to our purchases from the Regional Food Bank.

Additionally, we are in our 13th year of providing a Free Lunch every Monday to our Community. This is also enabled by grants and congregational donations as well as from our community. Weekly we do as few as 20 and as many as 150. We cannot do the missions we do without our community support and the volunteers who help make this possible.

We offer our heartfelt Thank you to everyone who contributes to these missions. It helps us live up to our Mission Statement "Love Grows Here".

Pastor Joyce

Joyce Royal

76th Annual Interfaith Tea

In keeping with a tradition started at the Jewish Community Center over 70 years ago, the 76th Annual Interfaith Tea was held October 21, 2025 at North Main Street United Methodist Church, 316 North Main Street, Gloversville. This year's theme was "Coming Together in Faith & Friendship", focusing around provided support and comfort for children going through difficult times. There were 54 people in attendance representing 13 different churches from the community. Everyone brought cookies and sandwiches to share. The tables were decorated in a beautiful Fall foliage décor with candles that were lit during the luncheon.

Christine Lemp, LCSW, from the Regional Child Advocacy was the guest speaker and spoke with the attendees about child advocacy for children going through difficult times. A free will offering was taken to support this Advocacy Group. Music for the Interfaith Tea was provided by the Dream Catchers.

Next year's Interfaith Tea is set to be hosted by Church of the Holy Spirit in October 2026. This will be the 77th Annual Interfaith Tea



Bible Study

As October ends, so does our study of Jesus Followers by Anne Graham Lotz and Rachel-Ruth Lotz Wright. This has again been a great opportunity for our own personal and spiritual growth from a family of teachers steeped both in the Word and in the expectation of sharing Jesus Christ with everyone they meet. Yet the study spoke to improving our own habits for growth in the Word and the opportunities to pass on our commitment to our children and grandchildren. To pass the Baton of Truth as the descendants of Seth did.

Our next study is a 6 session look at The Miracles of Jesus by Matt Williams. Books for this study are in and are \$7. The book is a study guide and you may use your own bible as the resource reading. Session 1 begins November 3rd and is based on Mark 5:21-34; The Clean Daughter. Drop in for any of our discussions if you can. We do not meet during the 3rd Monday of the month because of Food Pantry, but the rest of the month we meet on Mondays in the parlor across from the chapel at 1:15 pm. Hope to see you there!

Sally Kwak

Fund Raising Team

We made \$555.00 from the sales of the beautiful Mums in September. Several members of the church helped bring them to the church from the Amish Nursery in St. Johnsville. We also enjoyed how beautiful they looked in our Memory Garden in front of the church.



The Annual Spaghetti Dinner at the Italian Bistro on October 15th netted us \$664.00.

The next event planned is on Thursday, November 20th, at the Gloversville McDonald's. We will be getting a percentage of total sales between 5 and 7 p.m. This will be for both eat in or take out so please note your calendars for this event.

James Medbury

Food Pantry Report - September

The weather was nice and we were busy all day. We had planned for 88 and we had 77 total. We had 21 new families. It seems there is an influx of young adults in the area. We had a total of 62 adults, 47 children and 71 seniors. This month we gave out hamburg, very nice chicken cutlets, cheese, eggs, and butter. We also had extra choices of salad dressing and some canned pork. The dry bags along with the usual canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, macaroni and cheese, soup, and muffin mix. I was able to order grape and strawberry jelly so each bag got one. There were the choices of cold cereal and juice. We had mayonnaise or oil for an extra choice. We did have coffee this month but it is getting expensive so we may not be able to continue with that. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry. Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had requests for only 58 cats and 21 dogs. We will restock for next month also. We still have a small supply of diapers in small sizes for those requests.

Food Pantry Report - October

The weather was fair for pantry this month. It rained off and on but the sun came out in between. We were busy all day. We had planned for 72 and we had 81 total. We were glad that we had extra bags left from last month. We had new 19 new families again this month. We had a total of 68 adults, 36 children and 71 seniors. This month we gave out ground beef, Italian sausage links, cheese, eggs, and butter. We also had extra choices of salad dressing and some cleaning products. The dry bags along with the usual canned vegetables and fruit, peanut butter, diced tomatoes, corned beef hash, soup, and muffin mix. We also had pouches of chicken or beef stew for all. There were the choices of cold cereal and juice. We had mayonnaise or oil for an extra choice. We did have coffee this month but it is getting expensive so we may not be able to continue with that. We will be restocking before the next month's pantry.

Our pet ministry is still doing very well. We had requests for only 53 cats and 27 dogs. We will restock for next month also. We were pleased to have a woman come thru with a small baby who appreciated the diapers we had. Again, thanks to all those who donate to the funding of our pantry and those who work so hard to make our pantry a success. We thank God that we have the chance to help those in our community who are in need. We are thankful for the grant money we have received and those who put the work into applying for them.

Edna Bennett

Mission Team

The Mission Team have again asked the Salvation Army for 12-14 Christmas Wish Angels. We will be putting them out as soon as we get them. So please watch for them and if you can possibly help make someone's Christmas a little brighter, please think about taking one (or two). We are also thinking about helping 1 or 2 kids from the Captains Program.

We have also donated \$200 to Heifer to purchase a goat, 2 hives of Honeybee's and a flock of chicks. This is all part of a Matching Funds Program. So they will get 2 goats, 4 bee hives and 2 flocks of chicks. Happy Thanksgiving to those that receive them.

We have blessed several more Prayer Shawls and Pocket Squares. If you know of someone that could use a little extra love and prayers, please take them a Shawl or Pocket Square. Thank you to those that are crocheting or knitting them for us. Your time and abilities are greatly appreciated.

Val Kevlin

Free Lunch

We're busy gearing up for cold weather meals. We have lots of soup and casserole ingredients on hand. Our freezers are full, thankfully, but serving 40-90 meals on average each week will deplete our supplies quickly. We're lucky to have so many devoted contributors to this mission and Pastor Joyce who knows how to get us grants! We have some new volunteers and we have all taken the civil rights training that the regional food bank requires us to take. It seems rather silly to me that they make us listen for an hour so they can tell us that we can't discriminate for ANY reason. Well, I think as Christians that should go unsaid. This is what Jesus taught us- to love our neighbor and take care of those less fortunate. If we didn't love others, I don't think any of us would be doing this. I hope you agree.

We're also just starting to think about our annual Christmas buffet and party! It's almost time! If you would like to help or contribute in any way just let us know! The tentative date will be Monday, the 17th of December. We'll need extra help that day! Thank you in advance. We hope you all have a great thanksgiving and holiday season!

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On October 21 we hosted the 76th annual interfaith tea. Our theme was coming together in faith and friendship. About 60 people attended and enjoyed sandwiches and cookies. Our musical entertainment was the female singing group The Dreamcatchers. They did a wonderful job with songs of hope and friendship. Our guest speaker was Christine Lemp from the Children's Advocacy Center of Fulton, Montgomery and Hamilton Counties. They offer counseling and support to children who have been abused or have any other issues. After listening to Christine, I'm certain that we made a good choice as the organization to support this year. After paying out almost \$70 for supplies for the tea we have almost \$650 to donate to the center. Although the center itself is funded, they still need supplies such as weighted blankets and stress reducing toys and games. Our donation will help offset the expense of these items. Thank you to everyone who helped pull this together. God bless.

We are enclosing a bakeless bake sale form for anyone interested in making a donation. The money raised will be donated to Haven of Hope and other local nonprofit organizations.

Nancy Marsh



Birthdays

Sue Tyler – November 1

Molly Towne – November 1

Shawn Seeley – November 14

Elaine Schrum – November 16

Eric Davis – November 16

Ann Boles – November 29

Sandra Mosconi – December 1

Judy Antonucci – December 1

Jack Sanford – December 2

Justin Boles – December 5

James Thomson – December 11

Zachary Nikolov – December 13

We apologize if we have missed anyone's birthday. If you know of anyone else's birthday that we need to include, please let the office know. Thank you.

North Main Street United Methodist Church

COMMITMENT OF TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE

2026 PLEDGE

During the coming year I make the following commitments:

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Pray 15 minutes each day for the Church

_____ Attend Weekly Worship Services

_____ Contribute _____ hrs. each month to church programs

_____ Read the Bible each Day

I have the following skills I can share with the church

\$ _____ Weekly _____ Monthly Other Frequency (specify) _____

_____ I am interested in electronic giving.

Signature _____ Date _____

November

2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 10:30 Service in Sanctuary Communion	3 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 1:15 Bible Study	4	5 Captains Meal	6	7 Food Pick up	8
9 10:30 Service in Sanctuary Trustee/Admin Mtg Blessing of the Animals 1:00	10 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 1:15 Bible Study	11	12	13 Charge Conference Northville UMC 6:00 pm	14	15
16 10:30 Service in Sanctuary	17 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 10:00 – 1:00 Food Pantry	18 10:30 Lay Servants at Wells House	19	20 McDonalds's fundraiser Gloversville 5-7 pm	21 Food Pick up	22
23 10:30 Service in Sanctuary	24 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 1:15 Bible Study	25	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 10:30 Service in Sanctuary						

December

2025

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	1	2	3 Captains Meal	4	5 Food Pick up	6
7 10:30 Service in Sanctuary Communion	8 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch 1:15 Bible Study	9	10	11	12	13
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28 10:30 Service in Sanctuary	29 11:30 – 12:30 Free Lunch	30	31 New Year's Eve			

