



North Main Street United Methodist Church
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"Love Grows Here"

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APRIL 2020 NEWSLETTER



Message from Pastor Joyce Royal

In our current Bible Study we are doing Invitation to the Old Testament. Somehow after every class we say "nothing has really changed since those days." Fear and anxiety ruled the world back then and still does today for most people. When Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount we were warned about fear. Most Christians don't realize that Jesus' Sermon on the Mount actually lasted for several days. During this time Jesus instructed the people who had gathered to not live in fear, but to live life and to share love with others.

God commands us not to fear or worry because of His love. In times of uncertainty, it is difficult to abstain from fear with the headlines in the newspapers and the messages on television all striking fear into our very lives. In this message we see how we should trust God with our care by looking at reasons why we should not worry. The instructions about fear and anxiety appear in the Bible 365 times. In essence, it talks about this subject every day of the year, not just when things seem to be in a state of emergency. Jesus tells us, "Don't fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine." And yet we somehow cannot stop ourselves from the overwhelming fear that we feel many times. While we might still feel fear, we **can** believe that God **is** with us. ... Fear is an enemy's most popular weapons that is used against us. ... Yet reality tells us that so much of what we spend our time worrying about never even happens. The possible causes of fear are many. There is nothing wrong with realistically acknowledging and trying to deal with the identifiable problems of life. Such worry must be committed to prayer to God, who can release us from paralyzing fear or anxiety, and free us to deal realistically with the needs and welfare both of others and of ourselves. If God asks us to worry about anything, it is about how we will treat others during times of illness and worry. As we have learned from our current Bible Study, not much has changed in the world. We just need to remember what the Bible tells us. Our Pastoral Care Team and Prayer Chain have been doing a wonderful job of contacting members and offering prayers for them. There's a lot to be done. However, as Jesus has said, our burdens seem heavy to us, but are light to him. There are many things that we are doing to help serve our Community. May God be with us all as we move forward in Service.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in **Christ Jesus**" (Philippians 4:6-7).

Pastor Joyce

JOYCE ROYAL

William McDonald Memorial Handicap Bathroom



After several delays and scheduling issues, the new William McDonald Memorial Handicap bathroom is completed. If all goes well, it will be dedicated on Sunday, the 29th of March, immediately following the regular service. If you are at church stop and take a look. It's clean and open and a nice memorial to Bill. Thank you to Anthony Murray, ADK Floor Covering, Tom Kevlin and Werner Paul for all the work to get it completed. Additionally, the old men's room has an upgrade thanks to Anthony and Werner.

Free Lunch

Due to the coronavirus threat, we have taken extra precaution when serving lunch. We have hand sanitizer available at the service window and we have started pouring beverages in the kitchen to hand out. As usual, we wear our gloves and wash our hands frequently. We've been giving out utensils and condiments from the kitchen. This eliminates the opportunity for contamination of the baskets of utensils, the beverage containers, condiment bottles, etc. caused by people helping themselves. We have also been offering individually packaged dessert cakes and yogurts, and even those we're asking people to make a choice and then we hand it to them. This was a bit awkward and confusing at first, but our customers were all very understanding and patient. I think they were grateful, too. After customers leave, we have a crew who sanitizes and cleans the tables and chairs. Also, with schools closed, children can't get free breakfast or lunch, so they have taken advantage of our program. Thanks to all who support this mission. Because of your generosity we are able to go the extra distance to make this experience safer and healthier for everyone. God bless you all!

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At our last meeting, held on Tuesday, March 10th, we were enlightened about the numerous scams going around by our own Sheriff Giardino. We all have to be diligent and not fall for any of these. His main point was that scammers will prey on your sympathies in any number of ways. Before we respond to a plea for money and/or personal info, we need to check out the validity of what we're being told. Scammers are getting more and more creative. PLEASE be wary of anyone asking for money or info. Afterward, we enjoyed a covered dish meal. Fifteen of us were in attendance and we all enjoyed the evening. Hopefully, we will be having our second "Junk in the Trunk" sale during Gloversville's citywide garage sale. It is scheduled for the weekend of May 16th. Our next meeting will be a lunch meeting in early April if this virus goes away soon enough. Will keep you posted.

Nancy Marsh



Fund Raising Team – 12th Annual Chili Cook-off

20 People attended the 12th Annual Chili Cookoff with Nancy Marsh winning First Place, Werner Paul Second Place and Judy Davis Third. The money raised in the amount of \$185.00 went to the Fuel Fund at the Church.

Food Pantry Report - February 17, 2020

We were blessed with good weather on this February day. We served 61 families in the community today. A total of 159 people were provided for: 92 adults, 36 children and 31 seniors. 39 of our families participated in the animal ministry. A total of 128 animals were provided with food: 46 cats and 82 dogs.

Today was a little chaotic as we were required by the Regional Food Bank to have all families fill out new intake information sheets. Families began in fellowship hall and went to the pantry when their paperwork was completed. We were very fortunate to have Marilyn Cornell supervise this process. She handed out the forms and they were handed back to her to check. After that was done our families proceeded to the pantry. Thanks to Marilyn for an excellent job and also Nancy and Pastor Joyce for sharing Fellowship Hall. It made the process much more doable.

Our families were greeted by our brand new floors. These are not only beautiful, but they allow us to keep our items out for the next distribution. Previously the volunteers had to re-shelve everything to the pantry and take down all the tables. It was a lot of work after a distribution day. They're easier to clean also - another bonus.

Judy will begin working on our grant for the new year (July 1 through June 30th). It must be filed by the first part of April (the 12th?). This will determine the amount of food that we can get either free or at a very low cost of 16 cents per pound.

We also will be beginning a shelving crew. It will start on the 14th of March. Some of our volunteers are willing to come and help us be ready for our distribution day by coming in and shelving after our last pick up of the month. This will be a huge help. Thank you to them for this effort. The first team consists of: David Kibbe, Brenda Drach and Donna Jacobs.

As always, we are very thankful to our church family for their financial and physical help.

June Parker

Food Pantry Report - March 16, 2020

Yesterday we had another sunny day for our distribution. A total of 49 families came to the pantry, 9 of those families were new members. We provided food for 85 adults, 39 children and 19 seniors. A total of 143 persons in our community were provided with food. 40 of those families participated in the animal ministry. A total of 91 animals were given some food, 41 dogs and 50 cats.

We are still filling out new intake forms for the Regional Food Bank. Actually, it worked out well yesterday. Due to this Corona Virus Pandemic we tried our best to keep people apart. Families waited outside and came in one at a time. Marilyn, still overseeing that all required paperwork was completed, had a table in a separate room for members to complete if they had not done so. The people were very patient and very thankful that we were open. Thanks to the Lord we had a sunny day to make it more bearable. We only saw happy faces. I must again thank our volunteers for never faltered even when given the chance to not work in light of the health threat. We had gloves, hand sanitizer and Jackie Capasso even brought in some masks. What a crew !!!!

Our new shelving team for this month did a super job. On Saturday the 14th they came and bagged a total of about 250 lbs. of potatoes, oranges, apples, pears and carrots - 4 of each item in a produce bag (still legal) for distribution. They also worked on setting up our items on the tables and unpacking dog and cat food for distribution. Now that they've started I don't know how we did it without them.

Our mission is, as always, supported by so many wonderful caring members of our congregation and our community. I feel we can meet any challenge working together to show all that at North Main Street United Methodist " Love Grows Here."

Yours in Service,
June Parker

Prayer Chain



Happy Spring Everyone! In February, we had only six prayer requests. I want to remind everyone that we are here for you. Prayer works. It doesn't always work the way people want but the way God wants. And, that is always better. Please remember to call with your prayer requests, joys and concerns. We are always looking for people to help us pray. If interested, please let me know. May the Easter flowers bring smiles to you.

Carol B. Johnson
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Pastoral Care Team

February was a slow month. I sent out one get well card. I'd like to thank everyone who donated greeting cards. Those who have donated are: Bob Mabie, Mavis Baldwin, Sally Kwak, Joan Allen, Dorothy Holly and John and Elaine Pickard. Thank you everyone. Someone left a packet of cards here at church during Lent. I don't know who they are from. Please let me know who they are from so I can say a proper thank you.

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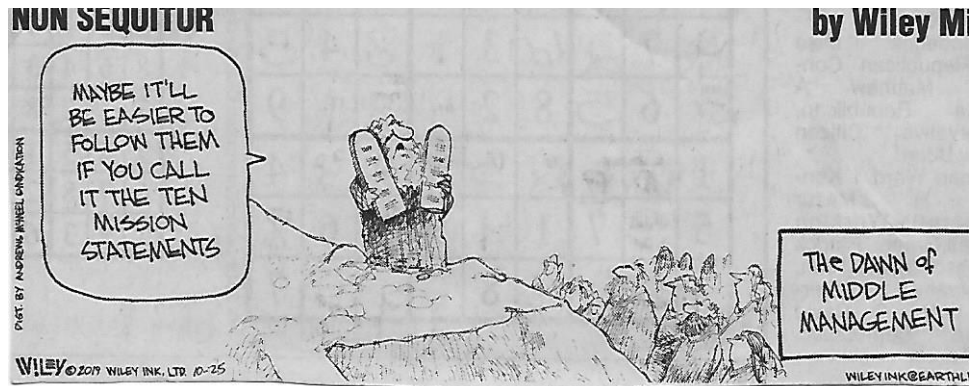
Don Williams – April 18

Cheryl Bielli – April 19

Connie Shepard – April 20

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim and Marlene Thomson – April 12, 1985



Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Friday, April 3rd - 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Take-out only

\$12.00 per person



- *Fresh Fried Fish
- *Baked Potato
- *Cole Slaw
- *Roll
- * Cookie

Tickets available in the office and from Fund Raiser Team Members

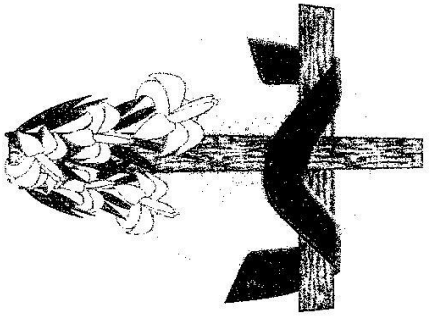
*The newsletter may be accessed on-line at NMSUMC/org./newsletter

Lord,

Thank you for the gift of HOPE
You gave us on Easter morning.
Because of you we know That no
problem is too difficult and not
even death. Thank you for the gift
of JOY you gave us when you were
resurrected. Because of you we
know that no matter how
challenging life may be, In the end
we will rejoice again. Thank you
for the gift of LOVE you gave us
when you laid down your life.
Because of you we know that there
is no sin that can separate us and
we are incredibly valuable to you.
Thank you for the gift of LIFE, you
gave us when you left the tomb.
Because of Easter we know this
world is just the beginning and we
will spend forever in heaven with
you. We Celebrate you Jesus with
hearts full of praise and gratitude.
Amen.



May the God of hope fill
you with all joy and
peace as you trust in
him. Romans 15:13



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Worship With Us

He has been saved.
Worship With Us

REJOICE!

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