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The Methodist Chimes

May 2018

PASTOR NIKKI'S MAY MESSAGE

Trusting the Holy Spirit

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you." -John 14:15-21, 25-26

As our congregation hunkers down to define itself with a Vision, I continue to exhort all of us to center ourselves on the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Everything we do needs to be grounded firmly and without fail in the leading of the Spirit. If we are able to do this, then we will be successful in discovering and following the path God has set before us.

Why do we need to trust the Holy Spirit? As Jesus tells his followers in his "Farewell Discourse" in the gospel of John, even though he is about to be crucified and resurrected and then will ascend into heaven, the Advocate is coming to abide with the disciples. This Advocate will never leave. The Spirit will remind the disciples of where they have traversed with Jesus in the past and will guide them on their continued journey ahead.

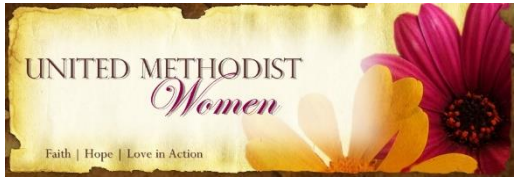
We trust this Advocate because it issues forth from God and Jesus and wants what is best for us. God never intended for us to figure out next steps on our own! Showing us the path we must follow and making our discipleship journey successful is not our job; it's God's job. Our job is much simpler and takes humility to engage: we are to continue to seek the guidance of the Spirit and to obey.

How do we trust in the Spirit? I answer this question by directing you to think back on a past situation when you trusted in the Spirit. In that instance, when you let the Spirit lead you, how did the Spirit make herself known? How did you know you were following the Advocate?

Our Visioning goal will be made clear if we make sure we are following the urging of the Spirit. We need to continually evaluate our thoughts, feelings, plans, and actions. Are they an attempt at a self-guided tour? Or are they Spirit-breathed?

I encourage each of us as individuals to earnestly pray for the Holy Spirit to show up in a mighty way as we Vision together. Each time we get together to conduct church business and to fellowship with one another, we need to pray. Before stepping out of bed in the morning, and just prior to dropping off to sleep at the end of the day, we need to pray for a big dose of the Spirit to guide us. The right Vision is waiting to be revealed; God will show us the way. Trust in the Holy Spirit!

Peace,
Pastor Nikki



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our annual plant sale will be on May 12, Apple Blossom Day. As usual, all kinds of plants are needed - annuals, perennials, small shrubs, house plants. Best to dig them up well in advance to allow for recovery from wilt. Plants may be brought to the church early Saturday morning or left near the north foundation ahead of time. Betty Tabor 758-9011 or 845-853-2424.

Our Days 4 Girls project is meeting on Wednesdays at 6pm. Please join us in making personal kits for the girls in countries that do not have the conveniences that we do. The redemption of cans and bottles is providing funds for the Days 4 Girls project. So far, we have raised over \$90 and it is much appreciated that the donations have been empty and clean! Donations may be left in the bench at the door to the Educational Wing.

Our next United Methodist Women's meeting is scheduled for May 28 at 6:30 in the church lounge. Plan to join us. All women are welcome. Please call Joan Murray if you would like a ride, 845-758-5189. Monthly meetings are educational and fun. We experience a lot of fellowship. In addition, we always have delicious refreshments.



FOOD PANTRY AND WEAVERS

All are Welcome Here. The Pantry provides food to residents of the Red Hook School District regardless of citizenship or immigration status. We are not a government agency. We do not collect nor share information about immigration status. We protect your personal information and do not share.

May 12th is Apple Blossom Day – Hand to Mouth Weavers will be on Broadway selling their wares. Remember, all proceeds go to support Our Food Pantry.

May 15th is the next Food Bank Food Delivery. Thanks for everyone's help with this. "Many hands make light work"

May 19th is the United Methodist Women Tea Party! 2pm Downstairs.

Save the Date in there for June 16 Strawberry Festival!

Visit us on Face Book at <http://www.facebook.com/h2mweavers>

Help Wanted

- **Food Pantry Assistant- Must enjoy helping our community****
- Ability to work one Sunday a month from 11:30 thru 2:00pm
 - Set up food for distribution
 - Occasional bending / lifting

All applicants contact, Janice Williams (845) 750-3057

Food Donations are always welcome. To set up a drop off time; call the office (845) 758-6283 or Janice Williams (845) 750-3057



**Join us for
A Tea Party!**

Red Hook United Methodist Women

*Requests the pleasure of your company
for tea, sandwiches & treats on
Saturday, May 19th
at two o'clock*

Wear your favorite hat! Prizes and silent auction!

*Red Hook United Methodist Church
4 Church Street
Red Hook, New York*

R.S.V.P. by May 14th

We are sad to see our wonderful Church Secretary, Melissa Moore, is leaving us. Join me in thanking her for all her hard work to support our church and missions. She will be greatly missed and we wish her future success!

Interested in a great part-time job? Two mornings per week. We need an independent, self-motivated person with some office experience. Let Janice or Frank know you are interested! janicewilliams@hotmail.com or frankstxj@gmail.com.

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Music and Worship committee met April 22, and we discussed the continuation of the study of Acts. Pentecost Sunday is in May followed by Trinity Sunday. Both will be dealing with the Holy Spirit in our lives. June will be a study on Transitions. We hope the congregation will be reading the Book of

Acts so that they may realize how the early church began and the movement of the disciples through this time.

Barbara E. Melzer, Chairperson



CHURCH STREET NURSERY SCHOOL

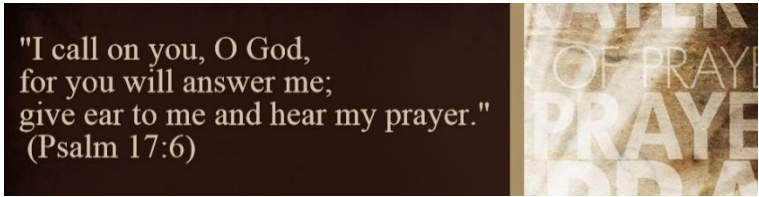
Open Enrollment for 2018-19 School Year.
For more information call, 845-758-6282

Ashley L. Boulde, Program Director

May Calendar

RED HOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WENESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Trustees 7p Weavers 7-9p	3 Bible Study 3-5p Woman's AA 6p	4	5
6 Worship 10:30am Food Pantry 12:30-2p	7	8	9 Membership Committee 2p Days 4 Girls 6p Weavers 7-9p	10 Bible Study 3-5p Woman's AA 6p	11	12
13 Worship 10:30am Food Pantry 12:30-2p	14	15 Food Bank Delivery	16 Days 4 Girls 6p Weavers 7-9p	17 Bible Study 3-5p Woman's AA 6p	18	19
20 Worship 10:30am Food Pantry 12:30-2p	21	22	23 Days 4 Girls 6p Weavers 7-9p	24 Bible Study 3-5p Woman's AA 6p	25	26
27 Worship 10:30am Food Pantry 12:30-2p	28 UMW 6:30	29	30 Days 4 Girls 6p Weavers 7-9p	31 Bible Study 3-5p Woman's AA 6p		



PRAY FOR

Our Pastor and Our Entire Congregation.
All of the NYAC Staff Cabinet.

Our Ministry and Churches around the World, the Sick and those who continue to care for them, those who give their lives for our Country and who protect us every day.
All people, animals and communities of the world as God created them.

THOSE OF SPECIAL NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

John Bamford, Jane Bier, Donna Marie Blanche, Jean Bleibtrey, Carol Boeck, Ken Bonal, Pat Brammer, Kathy Browne, Pete Buhler, Christine Chadwick, Chad Currier & Family, James Cushman, Kay Egan, Kay George, Pastor Paul & Gloria Gingrich, Cindy Herman & Family, Haley Hines, Georgia Johnson, Ron Jones, Peter Kane, Sandy Kane & Family, The Family of Ralph Keeler, Susan King, Suzanne & Caroline Kraczor, Paul Lacey, Regina Lunger, Dorothy Marion, Lis McCaffrey, Rick McGhee, Patrick McLaughlin, Ed Meyer, Melissa Moore & Family, Jane Morgan, The Family of Joan Morrison, David Muller, Caleb & Grady Nelson, Helen Newkirk, The Family of Donna Orlando, District Superintendent Betsy Ott & Family, Carl Pack, Mike Pardoe, Ron Parker, Joyce Riffenburg, Andrea Spucches, Kathy Stoppenbach, Nancy Titus, Rev. Eric Titus, Skip Tremper, Ruth VanVliet, Taylor VanVoorhis, Anna Weih, Mary Lou Williams, Rev. Bill & Marianne Wolf

IN JESUS' NAME WE PRAY

To add or remove anyone from our Church Prayer List, contact the Office at 845-758-6283, redhookumc@umcchurches.org

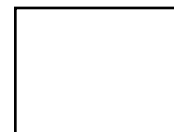


THE POWER OF PRAYER

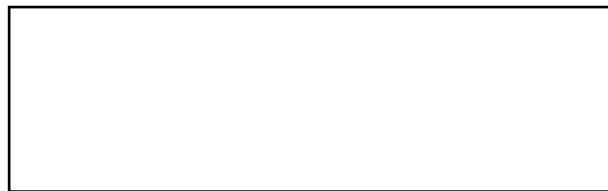
To use our Prayer Chain call Joan Murray 758-5189, Joan Morrison 758-5375 or Betty Tabor 758-9011 with your prayer request. Our prayer chain is always completely confidential and separate from the Church Prayer List, unless you would like to be on both.

PASTORAL CARE VISITS ARE AVAILABLE ROUND THE CLOCK

Contact Pastor Nikki Edelman directly at 845-546-3260
or by email: nedleman@hotmail.com



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