



The Methodist Chimes

April 2019

From Pastor Steve

I am about to do a New Thing

Isaiah 43:16-21

As I walked to the Post Office the other day I noticed some crocuses popping up from the cold, barren ground. They were beautiful but they still seemed out of place. The first day of spring had come and gone but it still seemed like winter. The world hadn't caught up with my calendar expectations.

Sometimes our expectations of social change, change and growth in our church right here in Red Hook and in the Big Church as well seems like it is just not happening. We may have a sense that it's time for the old rules to give way to the new reality, a new and broader way of thinking and relating to all people. We may be disappointed to find that the ground is still frozen but spring is coming.

Isaiah says (43:18-19) ***“Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. 19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”***

God is about to do a new thing, it may not be on our timetable but a new thing is coming. Crocuses, tulips, roses and the fruit of a new season. He will make all things new.

Peace, Pastor Steve



Easter Flowers Adorning the Sanctuary

Joan Buettler	In Memory of my Parents Mr. and Mrs. James Dickey
Pat Bowman	In Memory of Loved Ones
Pat & Fred Brammer	In Memory of Loved Ones
Nancy Brown	In Honor of Family
Kristi Colburn & Joan Murray	In Memory of Bill Murray, Sr. & T.J. Coon
Roger Clark	In Memory of Loved Ones
Tracie Dedrick	
Deborah Dunkle	
Steve & Nan Ernst	
The Keeler Family	In Memory of Ralph Keeler and Diana Race
Rev. Barbara E. Melzer	In Memory of Andy & Irene Melzer; Helen & Willie Melzer and In Honor of Justin & Demi Shanahan
Juliana O'Leary	In Memory of the O'Leary Family, the Gutswa Family and In Honor of Thomas O'Leary
Randall Stewart	In Memory of Shirley Henry and In Honor of Grandson Evan Henschel
The Stoppenbach Family	In Memory of William & Agnes Kelly and Frank & Priscilla Stoppenbach
Beverly Van Voorhis	In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Henry, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Van Voorhis, Sr., and Jim Van Voorhis
Janice Williams	In Honor of Family



Annual Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale is **Saturday, May 11**. As usual, all kinds of plants are needed – annuals, perennials, small shrubs, house plants. It is recommended that you 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. For more information or questions, please contact Betty Tabor at 758-9011.

Red Hook United Methodist Women

Invites you to a

Tea Party

Saturday, the 18th of May
at 2 o'clock
Red Hook United Methodist Church
4 Church Street, Red Hook

Tea, Sandwiches, and Treats

Wear your favorite Hat!

Games and Prizes

RSVP by May 12th





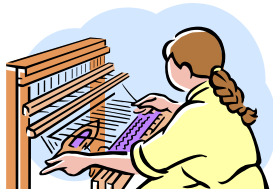
United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women meet every fourth Monday of the month; all women of the church are welcome. Our thanks to Pat Brammer for hosting our February and March meetings. It is a pleasure to be so welcomed in Pat's home.

The NYC/CT District will hold their Spring Fall Day Apart at Stevens Memorial at South Salem, NY on **Saturday, May 11**. Please call Joan Murray for more information or for a ride.

Up-coming events include our regular meeting on **April 29, at 6 pm** in the Church lounge. On **Saturday, May 18**, we will be hosting a **Tea Party at 2:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to wear your hat for the contest as we will award prizes for prettiest, sportiest, most elegant, most patriotic, and more. There will be a silent auction with some very nice items. And of course, delicious refreshments will be available. This is a fun event and there is no donation. We are looking forward to seeing all women of the church; please RSVP by May 12.

UMW is celebrating 150 years and is hosting a **Celebration Jubilee** at the Christ UMC in Manhattan on **Friday, May 31**. Please call Joan Murray for details, 758-5189. The cost is \$125, and all will have a wonderful time.



Hand to Mouth Weavers

Visit us at SoHu-South of Hudson Artisan Market at Greig Farm. They are open **Thursdays through Sundays 10 am – 4 pm**. We are just one of the 33 artists with products on display and for sale. Thank you to Greg Farms for sponsoring us!

Visit us at the Chancellor's Sheep and Wool Showcase at Clermont State Historic site on **Saturday, May 4 – 11 am to 4 pm**. Lots of fiber vendors, sheep, dogs, weaving and spinning demonstrations, good food and music. It's always a beautiful day on the riverfront.

We will also have a booth at **Red Hook Apple Blossom Day** on **Saturday, May 11!**

Have you ever wanted to learn to weave? Cut fabric? Come any **Wednesday evenings, 7 pm – 9 pm**. We have lots of fun, and we also get some weaving done! You are welcome to just visit us. Two of our dedicated weavers, Sue and Zelma, are out for a bit recuperating from tired joints. We look forward to their return.

<https://www.facebook.com/H2mweavers/>



Red Hook UMC Food Pantry

In March 2019, the Red Hook UMC Food pantry we served 72 Children, 198 Adults, and 71 seniors from 136 families.

Many thanks to Hannaford and Carriage Care for the donation of 4 shopping carts for our clients use in the pantry! It makes choosing food for the week so much easier. Thank you also to Ulster Savings Bank for a grant from Ulster Savings Bank that will allow us to update our pantry shelving.

We are looking forward to the Post Office **Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 11!** **Leave a bag of non-perishable food in a bag by your mailbox**, and your mail carrier will bring it back to the post office. We will need volunteers at the post office around **4:00 pm** that day to transport the donations back to the UMC food pantry.

What can you do?

Volunteer: We are always looking for volunteers to assist on a Sunday afternoon, help unload the truck on the monthly delivery date, assist with the Thursday morning Hannaford pickup, and stock room organizing.

Donate: We always are looking for additional personal care goods – soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and cleaning supplies.

Money – by purchasing our food from the Regional Food Bank in Albany, we can make your dollar go a long ways! Salvage prices start at 16 cents a pound!

Next delivery is on **Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 am** at the church. The food pantry will be closed on Easter day, Sunday April 21. <https://www.facebook.com/RHUMCFoodPantry/>



Prayer Concerns



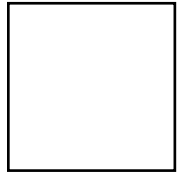
THOSE OF SPECIAL CONCERN AT THIS TIME:

Ben Albizu, John Bamford, Donna Marie Blanche, Jean Bleibtrey, Carol Boeck, Ken Bonal, Rachel Booz, Pat Brammer, the family of Michael Brogan, Pete Buhler, Gabriella and Gavin Butz, Deborah Dunkle, Kay Egan, Kay George, Melissa and Myriam Godwin, Pastor Paul and Gloria Gingrich, David Heller, Haley Hines, Ron Jones, Phyllis Keeler, Nicole Lewellyn, Maria Martins, Michael Melzer, The family of Myrtle Moore, David Muller, Caleb & Grady Nelson, Carl Pack, The family of Christopher Ransford, The Resnick family, Gene Riccardelli, Joyce Riffenburg, Randall Stewart, Kathy Stoppenbach, Diane Tanzosch, Nancy Titus, Reverend Eric Titus, Skip Tremper, Ruth VanVliet, Taylor VanVoorhis, Tony and Charlotte Vellake, Anna Weih, Mary Lou Williams, Reverend Bill and Marianne Wolf.

IN CHRIST'S NAME, WE PRAY.

AMEN.

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