



Red Hook United Methodist Church

Methodist Chimes September Edition

“Open Hearts,

Open Minds,

Open Doors”



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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR NIKKI'S DESK

Psalm 77:16-20 (New Revised Standard Version):

16 When the waters saw you, O God,
when the waters saw you, they were afraid;
the very deep trembled.

17 The clouds poured out water;
the skies thundered;
your arrows flashed on every side.

18 The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind;
your lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.

19 Your way was through the sea,
your path, through the mighty waters;
yet your footprints were unseen.

20 You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

I am in the midst of reading a book by Thomas Friedman entitled, "Thank You for Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in an Age of Accelerations." At one point in the book, the author uses a powerful metaphor of kayaking on rough rapids to describe the best strategy for navigating the hectic pace of technological and social change in which we are currently embedded worldwide. Friedman points out that to deny that we as a society are in the rapids—the pace of change on many fronts is multiplying at an unprecedented compound rate—is to deny reality. Instead, we as individuals and as a group must use techniques to keep the boat afloat in the rough waters of change. To attempt to put the brakes on the kayak, to drag your paddle like a rudder, is to invite capsizing in dangerous white water. Instead, we must lean forward into the challenge and paddle with determination, paddling at a rate even faster than the rushing water, in order to successfully make it through the rapids. Societal change is best navigated by moving with purpose along with the current.

I really like this metaphor. It has a lot of power to illustrate where we are as a people of faith today. The world surrounding us is changing very rapidly. Things are definitely not the same as they were a few decades ago. Things are not even the same as they were a year ago! The waters we are navigating, as described in Psalm 77 above, seem treacherous and stormy. We look upon

these waters with a lot of fear. We do not know these waters, but we do know that we can get hurt while floating in them if we don't know how to paddle! The good news is that God does not leave us alone in the hazardous rapids. Even when the waters swell and rush at dangerous speeds, we can choose to recognize that God holds sovereignty over the storm. Indeed, we are told in verses 19-20 above that God's path is right through the white water! And God is leading us on this path.

Just like kayaking in river rapids, we as a church cannot deny that we are in the water. We cannot try to stop the flow. We cannot try to slow down our boat by using our paddle as a rudder. We cannot focus on "the way things used to be." God's plan is to forge safe passage through the water. We must choose to accept the challenge ahead, lean into the fast current, and stroke our paddles with gusto to follow along the course God is plotting.

I have complete faith that this Red Hook congregation has the tools, strength, willpower, and deep faith to follow our God through the rapids of change. I pray for our continued safety and transformation on this exhilarating journey! Amen!

Pastor Nikki Edleman

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS



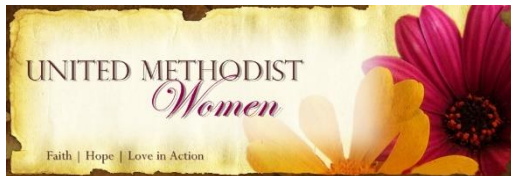
The summer was exciting for us, as we were gifted with music from The Bard Opera Group and an organist, Phil that is studying conducting. They gave us two wonderful Sundays of music. The singers from "Dimitrij" were Laura Green, Joan Oldale-Lapoint Eric Lamp, Jason Weisinger, James Dathan and Roosevelt Credit. Jason also accompanied our own organist Keith Niver on the piano. Our next meeting will be Thursday, August 31 at 6 pm before the first meeting of the choir for the fall.

Rev. Barbara E. Melzer, Chairperson

A WORD FROM OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

Hi Everyone. I hope you have all had a fun filled summer and are planning to return to the fall schedule feeling rejuvenated and ready for new things. As for the Music Ministry, I hope that some of you will consider participating in some way during the fall and upcoming Advent season and beyond. You could participate many ways in the music Ministry of the church. Singing in the choir, even on a part-time or seasonal basis is just one-way. Playing an instrument during the prelude, or offertory, or anthem are other ways. I am sure there are other small ways you could help as well. Think about it! The music ministry of YOUR church is an important way to participate and support the entire service. YOUR input is always welcome. Come up and speak to me directly after or before service. I am looking forward to a growing experience in the music ministry of YOUR church this year. In addition, I am feeling much better and almost normal after the heart surgery in February. Thank you for all the prayers and love.

Your servant
Keith Niver, Director of Music



THE UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We are reviving the collection of returnable cans and bottles. Please put your refundable cans and bottles in the bench by the back door. **All proceeds will support the Days for Girls project** - Betty Tabor

The Red Hook Unit of UMW will meet on September 25th at 6:30 in the church lounge for our regular meeting. We are continuing the project "Days 4 girls" each Wednesday at 6 PM. Please join us for fun fellowship and delicious refreshments. All women are welcome. Rides provided.

Call Joan Murray 758-5189. The New York Connecticut District of UMW will meet in Pawling on September 25 for our Annual Fall Meeting. Registration form attached. Plan to attend and meet other UMW and hear an inspiring talk by Beverly Anderson, about her mission trip to the Appalachian Region.

New York/ Connecticut District is also the host of the Annual Conference of UMW meeting to be held in Grace UMC, Newburgh on October 28th. Plan to attend and be blessed. For more information, please contact, Joan Murray, Lois Chekus or Kristi Colburn. Registration form attached.

The church will be cleaning the room formerly used by Sunday school (purple room). The items in that room will be sold on Hardscrabble Day, Sept. 16, 2017.

Help is needed to get the items ready and upstairs. Plan to help us on September 15, Friday at 4:30. Your help would be greatly appreciated.



NEWS FROM 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. **Food Bank Food Delivery: September 19**

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

OUR FOOD PANTRY HAS A NEW LOOK!

A big thank you to the Bard students who volunteered to paint and give our food pantry a much-needed upgrade



ONGOINGS WITH THE WEAVERS

Come see the Hand to Mouth Weavers September 16th at Hardscrabble Day! We will have a booth with information and plenty of wonderful handmade items to purchase.



WELCOME BACK!

CHURCH STREET NURSERY SCHOOL

Orientation was on August 30 and students old and new are excited to begin a new year.

Nursery School Opens on September 6

"I call on you, O God,
for you will answer me;
give ear to me and hear my prayer."
(Psalm 17:6)



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

The Family of Ruby Allen, Bobby Armstrong, John Bamford, Donna Marie Blanche, Jean Bleiberg, Carol Boeck, Pat Brammer, Kathy Browne, Pete Buhler, Christine Chadwick, Lois & Roger Clark, James Cushman, Tracie Dedrick, Tricia Franklin, Kay George, Pastor Paul & Gloria Gingrich, Cindy Herman & Family, Haley Hines, Georgia Johnson, Peter Kane, Ralph Keeler, Suzanne & Caroline Kraczor, Paul Lacey, Dorothy Marion, Lis McCaffrey, Rick McGhee, Patrick McLaughlin, Ed Meyer, Jane Morgan, David Muller, The Family of Beth Lou Muth, Caleb & Grady Nelson, Helen Newkirk, Keith Niver, Lois Niver, Zoe Niver, Donna Orlando, Carl Pack, Mike Pardoe, Ron Parker, Cicely Perrotte & Family, Joyce Riffenburg, Jack "Jay" Sundheimer, Nancy Titus, Skip Tremper, Ruth VanVliet, Taylor VanVoorhis, The VanVoorhis Family, & Anna Weih

**To add or remove anyone from our Church Prayer List, contact our 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.

For The Fridge

Sunday	Worship 10:30, followed by Coffee Hour Food Pantry 12:30-2pm
Monday	9/25 United Methodist Women 6:30pm
Tuesday	9/19 Food Pantry Delivery
Wednesday	9/6 Trustees 7pm 9/13 Membership Committee 2pm Days For Girls 6pm Weavers 7-9pm
Thursday	9/7 SPR Meeting 6:30pm 9/14 Finance & Budget Meeting 6pm Choir Rehearsal Will Restart This Month Bible Study 3-5pm, back in the Lounge Women's AA Meeting 6pm in the Lounge
Friday	9/15 Help is needed to prepare for Saturday's Sale, cleaning is involved 4:30
Saturday	9/9 "Ready Church" Disaster Response Training 9am-1pm 9/16 Hardscrabble Day (Weavers Booth & Church Rummage Sale) 9/30 Deadline for Church Conference Reports to be submitted

****For a PASTORAL CARE VISIT at any time please feel free to contact
Pastor Nikki Edelman directly by phone, 845-546-3260 or email,
nedleman@hotmail.com or contact the church office, 845-758-6283**

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the **BIG**
church
switch

Help us Save the Earth / Go Green Initiative

In an effort to conserve our natural resources and Church funds, we would like to encourage you to Go Paperless! You can help by providing the Church with an email address and stop receiving paper mailings from us. If you are interested, please contact the Office 845-758-6283 redhookumc@umcchurches.org.

Thank you for helping our Church Go Green!

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