



OPEN HEARTS. OPEN MINDS. OPEN DOORS.

The Methodist Chimes

2018

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. - Galatians 5:13-15 (NRSV)

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, called upon fellow Jesus followers to gather in accountability groups to assist one another in living a righteous Christian life. He guided people with three General Rules for disciplined practices that led to building up faith. The first of these Rules was: "Do no harm."

"By doing no harm, by avoiding evil of every kind, especially that which is most practiced." – Wesley, as quoted in 2016 Book of Discipline, ¶102.

"Doing no harm" seems simple enough in theory. In practice, however, it is much more difficult to follow. We live in a complex world, with complicated interactions and diverse people and situations. Often, we come across a situation that is not very straightforward; attempting to describe it using dualistic terms does not help resolve it. Most things are colored in shades of gray. They are not black and white.

If we are following the Rule of doing no harm, we are encouraged to respond to a challenging situation with humility, openness, and a listening ear. Instead of automatically mounting an offensive or aggressively defensive posture in a conflict, we pause to empathetically consider the impact of our words and actions on another.

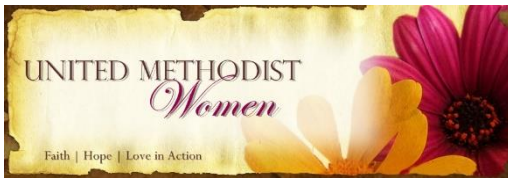
Can you imagine a world in which there is no gossip? No disparaging remarks? No name-calling? No manipulation? No power struggle? When we put aside our human reflex to do harm to another, this kind of a world is possible.

A world in which no harm is done is exactly that which was inaugurated by Jesus when he announced that the Kingdom of God was a present reality. Jesus daily demonstrated himself to be a practitioner of this Rule.

To be sure, following this path of doing no harm, as laid forth by Jesus, is no easy task. After all, the impulse to respond to aggression with aggression is difficult to resist. Following this Rule demands a radical trust and faith in God.

As we enter into a New Year, I pray that each of us may consider the ways in which we can make Wesley's General Rules a part of our daily spiritual practice. May we recognize with deep gratitude the extra-large portion of grace that God has given to us so that we can do no harm!

Peace,
Pastor Nikki



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Happy New Year to all!

We were blessed this 2017 in so many ways.

Our Days 4 Girls project is continuing on Wednesday nights at the church at 6 PM. Please join us in making personal kits for the girls in countries that do not have the conveniences that we do.

Our monthly meetings are educational and fun. We experience a lot of fellowship. In addition, we always have delicious refreshments.

Our December Christmas Party was a big hit. Twelve women met at Joan Murray's home for dinner, carol singing and a gift exchange. We were amazed at the talent of our group as we exchanged gifts that were either handmade or regifted.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 22 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.



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: 1/16

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



CHURCH STREET NURSERY SCHOOL

**There are several openings in our Pre-K program
Contact Ashley Boulde for information at**

758-6282

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PASTORAL CARE VISIT ARE AVAILABLE ROUND THE CLOCK

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

Giving Opportunities

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

Returnable cans and bottles are being collected in the bench by the back door,
to support our Days for Girls Program

January Calendar

RED HOOK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WENESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Trustees 7p	4	5	6 Safety Ed Class 9-3:30, \$38
7 Choir 10am Worship 10:30am Food Pantry 12:30-2p	8	9	10 Membership Committee 2p Weavers 7-9p Days for Girls 6p	11 Bible Study 3-5p Woman's AA 6p Choir 7p	12	13
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SAFETY EDUCATION CLASS

Saturday, January 6 9AM – 3:30PM

Instructor - Bill Owens – Cost \$38

Bring your own Lunch or Snacks

Save 10% on ALL Vehicle Insurance for 3 years

May REDUCE 4 POINTS on N.Y. License

Pre-Register with Lois Chenkus ASAP

(845) 758-1714

"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, Jane Bier, Donna Marie Blanche, Jean Bleibtrey, Carol Boeck, Ken Bonal, Pat Brammer, Kathy Browne, Pete Buhler, Linda Cebrian, Christine Chadwick, Mark Chenkus, Roger Clark & Family, Debbie Corston, Chad Currier & Family, James Cushman, Sebastian Garber (Melissa's son), Kay George, Pastor Paul & Gloria Gingrich, Cindy Herman & Family, Haley Hines, Georgia Johnson, Ron Jones, Peter Kane, Sandy Kane & Family, Ralph Keeler, Suzanne & Caroline Kraczor, Paul Lacey, Kathy Lunger, Regina Lunger, Dorothy Marion, Lis McCaffrey, Rick McGhee, Patrick McLaughlin, Barbara Melzer, Ed Meyer, Melissa Moore & Family, 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, The Family of John Poyner, Joyce Riffenburg, Jack "Jay" Sundheimer, Nancy Titus, Skip Tremper, Ruth Van Vliet, Bev VanVoorhis, Taylor Van Voorhis, The Van Voorhis Family, 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.

Red Hook United Methodist Church

Monthly Chimes January Edition



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Secretary Melissa Moore

Tuesday & Thursday 9:00-11:30am

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