



The Methodist *Chimes*

February - March 2020

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, one of the oldest of our Christian, non-Biblical traditions dating to the First Council of Nicaea in 325 CE. It's been observed for a long time and I believe for good reason. Lent is the time for self seeking, for real self-directed honesty and self assessment. Lent is the time for accepting our helplessness and our inability to live out our "calling" on our own.

Our "calling" is known only to each one of us. It's private, it's secret until we act upon it. There's no telling where that "calling" might go, what it might lead to, the ones your special "calling" might touch.

Part of that process, the process of bringing your "calling" to fruition is the focus of Lent. Self examination and contrition for our short-comings. Those burdens of the heart, those secrets of the mind that distract our attention and energy. Those parasitic desires and longings, draining our power of Spirit and finance. How can we fulfill our true "calling" or our purpose when we are so spent.

The Psalmist cries out, (Psalm 51:1) *"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions."*

Holy One, Indeed, "have mercy" and "blot out our transgressions". Help us to take the time for true introspection during these forty days, these forty Holy days, and help us to take full advantage of your "steadfast Love", so that on Good Friday we can pin our clutter to the cross, as is your intent and desire. Free us from our deep seated demons so that each of us, in concert with your Holy Spirit and each other, will live to the fullest, your true "calling" for each one of us.

This is my Lenten prayer.

In His Peace, Pastor Steve

RHINEBECK UMC HEALING & PRAYER SERVICE



**We believe in the healing love and power of Jesus Christ.
We listen, love and pray for all who come seeking healing
in body, mind and spirit. The healing comes from the Holy Spirit
and not from ourselves. Since we are not counselors, we count on
God's Wonderful Counselor to continue our Lords work through us.**

PUBLIC HEALING & PRAYER SERVICE

**Saturday, February 29
10:00 a.m.**

**Special Guest Speaker: Rosemarie James
"Faith"**

**Special Music: Gabriela DeAstos
"Exhale" Plumb**

SOAKING PRAYER

Monday, March 2 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

WHAT IS SOAKING PRAYER?

Soaking Prayer is soaking in His presence (no water is involved). Come and relax quietly while scripture is read and quiet music plays in the background. In silence, the prayer team will come around and pray for your concerns.

PUBLIC HEALING & PRAYER SERVICES

Healing & Prayer Services at Red Hook and Rhinebeck UMC

Red Hook UMC offers Healing & Prayer Services regularly on the second Saturday of every month at 10am and Soaking Prayer at 7:00 pm on the Monday that follows

Rhinebeck UMC offers Healing & Prayer Services regularly on the last Saturday Of every month at 10 am and Soaking Prayer at 7:00 pm on the Monday that follows.

Member's Thought

Giving light to the house - Matt. 5:15

February 2020 "Leap Year"

To keep our calendar aligned with the astronomical world in which we live, we must occasionally add a day to the year. Otherwise we will drift away from the Solar System. We don't do this too often. The error is small, and it gets corrected by adding 99 days in every 400 years, or about 1 day every 4 years. We will have one of the "Leap Days" at the end of this month, February 29. In a similar way, we must occasionally "leap" in our own lives, or we will slowly drift away from God's plan for us. The drift is gradual, and goes mostly unnoticed. Similar to the calendar, it happens not over the course of just a week or two, but several years. We start out okay, and think that we are following God's plan, but over weeks, months, years, things start to go off a bit. It is difficult to tell. Small little differences. Nothing too dramatic. But we find ourselves a few years later needing to make a "leap" to return to God. This is the reality of living in Christ. It is a path of constant correction, except that we humans don't really make constant correct, do we? So, instead, we drift away. And then, we find that we've lost the path. So, later on this month, when you observe "Leap Day" in whatever way you want to, remember also to adjust your path back to God's plan. How far has your path drifted from His? How big a leap back to Jesus do you need to make?



from the Financial Secretary

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not cast their fruit," says the Lord Almighty, "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land." Says the Lord Almighty. – Malachi 3:10-12

All that we have comes to us from God, and He asks only that we remember him by giving a little of it back to Him for building the Kingdom. Since we are showered with his many blessings, can't we give some to others? Let us test God, as we are asked to do by the prophet Malachi, and bring the whole tithe into the storehouse. Thank you for the increase offerings you have made and are making to RHUMC. Your offerings, of your time, of your God-given talents, and of your money, help support all that we do at RHUMC. Red Hook United Methodist Church could do nothing without the faithful offerings of its members.

First Friday Night:

On the first Friday of March (6th), there is a special event happening in the Red Hook Village where we set up a small table and hand out water and cookies. We are also making a presence wearing our bright T-Shirts. Feel free to sign up for future Fridays and join in the fun. We are open to additional ideas. The Hand to Mouth Weavers also join in the festivities. This is a great opportunity to represent our Magnificent Church and enjoy fellowship with each other and community members. T-Shirts are available through the women's society.

~ Jennifer Van Voorhis

Altar Flowers



Those that would like to place flowers on our altar in honor or in memory of a loved one or even a special occasion, please let me know. Jennifer Van Voorhis 586-713-0104 or jenny4@hotmail.com or 2 Orlich Road, Red Hook, NY 12571. It is possible to do this for a minimum of \$10.00.



Food Pantry

For the month of January 2020, the Food Pantry served 126 households including 93 children, 186 adults, and 48 seniors.

The Food Pantry is a very busy place. From Sunday afternoons, serving our clients, to stocking the shelves and unpacking trucks and cars Tuesdays and Thursdays, to special requests to deliver food or serve a client's emergency needs. We need your help: let me know when you're available.

Thanks for the support! Janice 845.750.3057

Hand to Mouth Weavers



Ever want to learn to weave? We have looms in the basement! Come check them out. We make rag rugs, totes, and runners and sell them at various events. All proceeds support the Food Pantry. Visit us on Wednesday evening 7 – 9 pm.



Church Street Community Nursery School BOOK FAIR!

The Nursery School will be hosting the annual Scholastic Book Fair Monday through Friday, March 16 to 20, from 9am – noon and on Wednesday, March 18 from 5:30-7pm. Everyone is welcome to stop by!

Please note that the Lounge will not be available for activities and meetings during that week.

Lenten Service Schedule Red Hook Area Council of Churches

Wednesdays 7:00 pm

- February 26 Ash Wednesday Service
 St. John's Reformed Church
 Pastor Stephen Ernst preaching
- March 4 St. Paul's & Trinity Parish, Tivoli
 Taize Service
 Rev. James Miller preaching
- March 11 United Methodist Church
 Br. Randy Greve preaching
- March 18 Christ Church
 Rev. Dr. Robert Gram preaching
- March 25 St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 Fr. Pat Buckley preaching
- April 1 St. John's Reformed Church
 Rev. Masud Syedullah preaching

Holy Cow!

a "SPOOKY" Breakfast
to benefit:
St. Jude

Saturday, March 21st
8:00~11:00 am
Red Hook
Fire House

All proceeds
will be
donated to
St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital

Pancakes
Scrambled
Eggs
Sausage
Home Fries
Orange Juice
Coffee

ALL Are Welcome
Free of Charge
Donations
accepted at the door



Kids Activities
Bounce House
Face Painting
Photo Booth

Wear a scary mask
or costume
and help
St. Jude
Scare Cancer away

Give Thanks for the Healthy
Children in your life.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Our Pastor and Our Entire Congregation.

All of the NYAC staff and 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 CONCERN AT THIS TIME:

John Bamford, Donna Marie Blanche, Jean Bleibtrey,
Carol Boeck, Ken Bonal, Fred Brammer and family,
Brian (volunteer in food pantry), Pete Buhler,
Gabriella and Gavin Butz, Mark Chenkus, Bill Coyle,
Lorraine DeCarolis, Terri & John Doyle, Deborah Dunkle,
Kay Egan, Beth Finn, Kay George, Pastor Paul and Gloria Gingrich,
Melissa and Myriam Godwin, Mike Goodrich,
David Heller, Jeanne Henderson, Haley Hines,
Donald Hunt, Ron Jones, Phyllis Keeler, Nicole Lewellyn,
Kathy Lunger, Regina Lunger, Maria Martins,
David Muller, Caleb & Grady Nelson, Carl Pack,
The Resnick family, Joyce Riffenburg, Randall Stewart,
Kathy Stoppenbach, Diane Tanzosch, Linda Tierney,
Nancy Titus, Reverend Eric Titus, Skip Tremper, Ruth VanVliet,
Taylor Van Voorhis, Tony and Charlotte Vellake, Anna Weih,
The Vottes Family, Mary Lou Williams, Marianne Wolf

IN CHRIST'S NAME, WE PRAY.

AMEN.

**Contact our Office with all prayer requests and changes
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