

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

2020

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From Missions and Outreach

On Friday December 13, the Mission Committee delivered over 60 gifts that you purchased and two Tops gift cards from the UMW, to Newfane Middle School for the two families our church “adopted” for Christmas. Heather, our contact at school, was extremely grateful for the gifts and our support of her students and their families. She thanked us several times, and we would like to pass her sincere “Thank You!” on to all of you who certainly made Christmas brighter for 3 local children and their families!

Please mark your calendar for two upcoming events that Missions is planning. On Saturday January 25, we are going to have a “free will offering” Soup Supper from 4:30-6:00pm. We will have a variety of soups with breads, crackers and desserts. Come and taste them all!! Any proceeds from this meal will go to our local Miller Hose Fire Company.

Also, on Sunday February 23 from 1:00-3:00pm, join the fun downstairs at our indoor “Winter Carnival”. There will be games, face painting, food and many other activities to enjoy while breaking up the mid-winter chill. Please invite the youngsters you know and young-at-heart for an afternoon of fun!

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!



UMW

The January meeting of UMW will be on Thursday, January 9th for this month. We will meet in the Gathering Room at 9:30AM. Refreshments will be provided by Ann Bixler & whoever would like to volunteer to help her. Devotion will be presented by Joan Krauss.

We have another big project to discuss.

Please bring your calendar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Nursery is trying new material from the “Bible in Life” series.

The Halloween collection made \$102.27 for the Newfane Food Pantry.

The Thanksgiving collection made \$79.00 also for the Newfane Food Pantry.

Lay Leader Ponderings - January 2020

Last August a small group of us began a Bible study on Pursuing God's Will Together: A Discernment Practice for Leadership Groups by Ruth Haley Barton. We are continuing this study, trying to create space and opportunity for God to speak, trying to attune our ears to His voice and align our hearts with His heart. I would like to share with the rest of the congregation some of the insights and ideas that have been generated by our discussions.

It seems painfully obvious to us that many people have limited knowledge of Methodism – its history, basic beliefs, structure, or of the expectations we as a church have of our members (including our pastors). We will be exploring options for an educational series on these topics for 2020.

Small groups were an essential component to early Methodism that seem to have been lost, although there are many denomination-wide efforts to bring them back. These groups provide opportunities to really get to know the other members of the group, to develop a greater level of trust and sense of connection. They offer a means of accountability and increased commitment to God and our community of faith and are generally seen as an essential part of the disciple making process. We have a couple of groups currently, but plan to encourage more. Please speak to me if you are interested in being part of a small group.

Please let me know if you are interested in this Bible study or if there is a particular topic or study that you would be interested in exploring and we will arrange to begin new groups so that we all continue to grow as disciples of Christ.

Lyn Ende, Lay Leader, CLM

Lights, Heat, Ministry!

Your response of gratitude and worship to all that God has done for us, by generously supporting the budget of the Newfane UMC, allows this congregation to respond to the needs of our faith community, as well as the greater Newfane Community, in spiritually, emotionally, and physically meaningful ways.

Your pledges keep the **Lights** on and **Heat** the building in the winter and cool it in the summer, providing **Ministry** through a place for the community to join together in worship, study, service, and fellowship.

Those who need a safe place to meet, to learn, to connect with others, to find love and someone to listen, to grieve, and to celebrate, have one because of you.

We celebrate what God is doing through this church to create opportunities for people to witness to the difference following Christ can make and to grow as Disciples.

Our pledges for 2020 currently stand about \$30,000 below what we need to keep the ministry we share at the level we have supported in the past. We know we stand in a time of change and some uncertainty, however, we serve a God who is faithful and who has called us to ministry here and now. To meet that vision we need to fully fund the proposed \$180,000 spending plan for 2020.

If you have already pledged, THANK YOU!

If you haven't, please prayerfully consider doing so today.

We are asking all to prayerfully consider what God is calling you to give. To consider the impact on your family and friends in this faith community, and on the greater Newfane area if we begin to cut back on how often the **Lights** are on beckoning all to come in, cut back on the **Heat** limiting who and when people can gather, or eliminate or reduce staff hours restricting our **Ministry** within and without these walls.

***Your Gifts help provide
Lights, Heat, Ministry!***

NEXT FINANCE MEETING IS JANUARY 2, at 7:00 pm



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You have been supportive and given of your time and talents over the last six months in many ways, all of which are greatly appreciated.

In recent weeks, you added to that support with cards, cookies, gifts, service, and gracious words. All of which have meant a great deal to us.

Additionally, several of you came together to get the parsonage ready for us to use. It has taken time away from things you needed to do personally, and added a commitment to your schedule in an already over-scheduled time of the

We Belong to Christ

As we move through Epiphany and the Sundays that follow, we are looking at a series which encompasses the first three chapters of I Corinthians.

I hope to offer settings online and at the church during which we can explore the weekly messages. Please feel free to write down questions, comments, etc. to leave with me Sunday morning so I can incorporate them into those follow-up settings.

Nominations will be in full speed forward filling out our leadership team for the new year this month so please prayerfully give them an answer as soon as possible when they contact you.

I believe God is doing great things in Newfane in 2020 and am looking forward to our ministry together.

Happy New Year!! Pastor Marilyn

year. Saying “Thank You” seems inadequate to express our gratitude for each of you.

The parsonage is Newfane United Methodist Church’s home and we appreciate the opportunity to have use of it during our ministry with you. As soon as we have everything in place, we will hold an Open House so you have an chance to see the beautiful job those working to prepare it have done. Watch the bulletin and Monday emails for more details.

“Thank You!” for all you have done for us and for others this Holy Season.



WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

USHERS: (Note: Ushers should be at the church by 10:30 a.m.)

Jan. 5: Dave Stevens, Paul Conrad, Paul Beakman, Jim Burnett
Jan. 12: Ken Hannah, Keith Robinson, Sharon Tomaino, Ed Yarger
Jan. 19: Kevin Luckman, Chuck Hoy, Kevin Luckman, Jr., Dave Ende
Jan. 26: Dan Cushman, Dennis Schultz, Kevin Gow, Ron Steel

***Sandy Smalley, Chairperson Ushers**

LITURGISTS:

Jan. 5: Pam Poole
Jan. 12: Jean Schweigert
Jan. 19: Lyn Ende
Jan. 26: _____

***Carol Dillabough,
Chairperson Liturgists**

GREETERS: (Note: Greeters should be at the church by 10:30 a.m.)

Jan. 5: Sarah Davey
Jan. 12: _____
Jan. 19: _____
Jan. 26: _____

***Barb Smith, Chairperson Greeters**

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Jan. 5: Sarah Davey
Jan. 12: _____
Jan. 19: _____
Jan. 26: Dan Cushman

ACOLYTES:

Jan. 5:
Jan. 12:
Jan. 19:
Jan. 26:

***Dave Ende, Chairperson Acolytes**



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JANUARY BIRTHDAY'S

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| 3. Kevin Gow | 15. R. Michael Rider |
| 4. Brayden Sears | Emily Rae Larson |
| 5. Eleanor Miles | 16. Julie Brenner |
| Jessica Babcock | 19. Larry Babcock |
| Kevin Noon | 20. Megan Snyder |
| 6. Sarah Ferree | 22. Logan Noon |
| 9. Matt Stein | 24. Nathan Audette |
| 11. Jennifer Renz | 28. Susan Neidlinger |
| 12. Nathan Schmitt | Jason Smith |
| Catherine Allen | 29. Rob Gominiak |
| Robert Neidlinger | 30. Diane Schweigert |
| 14. Adrienne Woodring | 31. Judy Schmitt |
| Bill Gross | Marie Poole |
| Jessica Stephens | |
| Robert Mitton | |

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◀ December	January 2020						February ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 New Year's Day	2 Finance Meeting – 7:00 pm	3	4 AA – 3:00 pm	
5 Sunday School- 9:45 am Worship–11:00 am Communion	6	7 Cub Scouts- 6:30 pm	8	9 UMW – 9:30 am Missions meeting – 7:00 pm Bell Choir – Group B-7pm	10	11 AA – 3:00 pm	
12 Sunday School- 9:45 am Worship–11:00 am	13 Bell Choir- 7:00 pm	14 Cub Scouts- 6:30 pm	15	16	17	18 AA – 3:00 pm	
19 Trustees – 9:45 am Sunday School- 9:45 am Worship–11:00 am	20 Church Council – 6:00 pm	21 Cub Scouts- 6:30 pm	22	23 Bell Choir – Group B-7pm	24	25 AA – 3:00 pm Soup Dinner – 4:30-6:00 pm	
26 Sunday School- 9:45 am Worship–11:00 am	27 Bell Choir- 7:00 pm	28 Cub Scouts- 6:30 pm	29	30	31		

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



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Church Mission Statement:
**“Pray First, Walk Together
and Transform Lives for Christ”**

Rev. Marilyn Kasperek, Pastor

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Worship Hours:

September – May – 11:00 a.m.
June, July, August – 10:00 a.m

Sunday School:

September – May – 9:45 a.m.